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## MASSES OF GERMAN TROOPS PASS BUDAPEST

### NAZI TROOP MOVEMENT RUMOURS

Reports that German troops are being sent to Bulgaria are denied in an inspired statement issued by the German News Agency last night.

These reports are attributed to British propaganda whose tendency is to disturb peace, spread disquiet and cause sabotage in South-East Europe.

The statement also denies that any negotiations on the subject are proceeding between Germany and Bulgaria.—Reuter.

### BIAS BAY!?

Japanese warships have tried, and failed, to land parties of troops in Bias Bay, according to a Moscow radio newscast.

Even the use of aircraft and artillery failed to help the Japanese gain a footing.—Reuter.

### "Dagger Deep Into Flank Of Soviet"

IT IS BELIEVED in unofficial circles in Budapest that the German occupation of Rumania will be considerably extended this week.

Columns of German troops en route to Rumania passed the outskirts of Budapest at the week-end.

The equivocal attitude by Germany towards Hungary is considered to be indicated by the disappointment of Hungarian hopes that the remainder of Transylvania would be added to the areas already ceded by Rumania at the Axis dictation.

Hatchlings of the terms of the commercial agreement just concluded between Germany and Hungary has also startled the Hungarians.

This agreement is believed to settle the scale of Hungarian exports to Germany for the next three years.—Reuter.

### 70 Britons Leave

Forty members of the British colony in Bucharest and 30 members of the

### British Legation in Rumania left yesterday by train for Istanbul.

The British Minister is still in Bucharest.

Another 3,000 German troops arrived at Galatz on Sunday night.

Most of them are men connected with anti-aircraft units.

The total number of German troops now in Rumania is estimated to be around 30,000.

As is to be expected, the Berlin press is full of jubilation over how once again Germany "fore-stalled" a British move to seize control of Rumania.

### Italians Also

In addition to the German troops building a base at the Rumanian port of Mamaia, it is now reported that Italian engineers are expected shortly at Constanza to begin the construction of a seaplane base.

### Soviet Interested

Commenting on the German push into Rumania, the Turkish newspaper "Tah" says that most important factor to prevent the Germans from even dreaming of a route to the south-east through Anatolia is the presence of invincible Turkish forces on the frontier.

The paper also suggests that Soviet Russia will not allow the Dardanelles to pass into other hands.

A Bucharest report says that Soviet Russia is "taking precautionary measures" in Bessarabia and northern Bukovina.

### Serious View Taken In Turkey

"The Axis Powers have begun a large-scale movement, the ends of which are still unknown, but the first phase of which has been devoted to placing a barrier between Russia and the field of events."

This is the comment of the Istanbul newspaper "Yenisabah," which adds:

"By the occupation of Rumania, Germany has reached the Black Sea and has pushed herself like a dagger into the flank of the Soviet Union."

"From that fact one may deduce that the Axis contemplates raising questions in which the Soviet Union is very closely interested."

"It is evident that these questions can only be the Balkans, Istanbul, and the Straits."—Reuter.

### AIR RAID RESCUE DRAMA

DURING THE COURSE OF SUNDAY NIGHT'S RAIDS ON LONDON, A DOCTOR WAS SUSPENDED BY HIS HEELS FROM A CRANE WHICH LOWERED HIM DOWN INTO A BOMB-CRATER BESIDE A WRECKED HOUSE.

At the bottom of the hole lay a man, only his head protruding from the wreckage.

He was given a shot of morphia in the neck and later removed to hospital. He is expected to live.—Reuter.

### RAIDS ON OIL WELLS EXPECTED

Developments in Rumania and the Middle East are being watched with close attention in Madrid. The Spaniards often express the view that unless the Axis Powers can quickly and successfully carry out an attack upon Egypt, the occupation of Rumania will be to Germany's disadvantage.

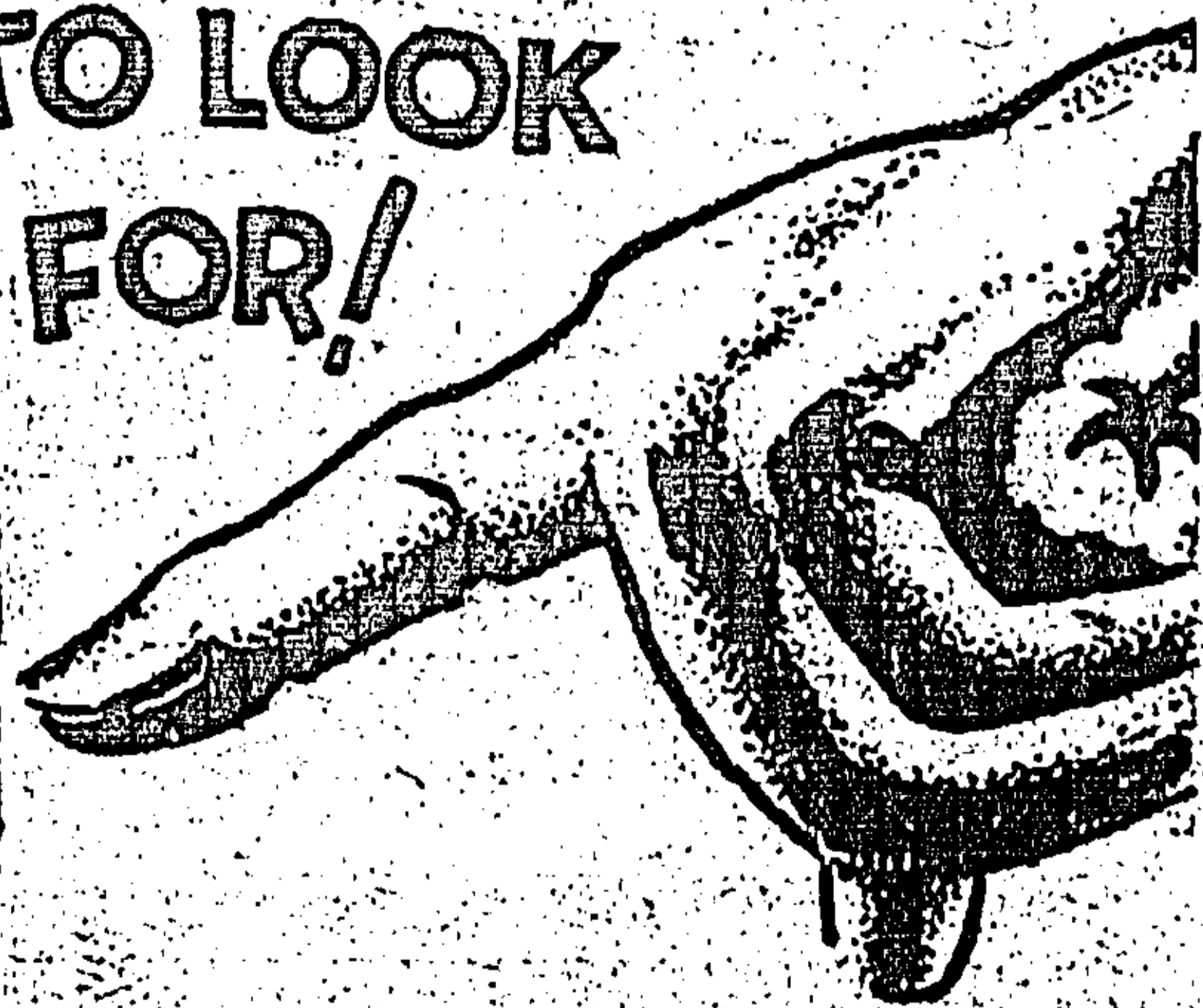
Th's view is based on the belief that Britain will lose no time in bombing the Rumanian oil-wells.

Rumania is openly referred to in the newspaper "Hoja Oficial Del Lunes" as a "collaborator with the Axis."—Reuter.

### CHINESE OFFICIALS RECALLED

It is learned from a reliable source that a group of high Chinese officials, including Mr. Hsu Shih-yiu and Dr. Lou Kown left for Chungking last night by plane. They were recalled by the Generalissimo.

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### HUGE GERMAN BOMBER IN DEATH DIVE

A LARGE FOUR-ENGINE German bomber was shot down on open ground on the outskirts of London yesterday.

According to a reliable report, anti-aircraft batteries opened fire when the plane was flying over a suburb at over 5,000 feet. The plane went into a spin dropping bombs as it dived.

A German bomber appeared over another suburb but was driven off by anti-aircraft fire. During the morning a small

force of bombers was observed flying singly in the direction of London.

In one district, very heavy firing was heard when the raiders appeared overhead.

An East Anglian coast town had five bombs yesterday afternoon, damaging houses and inflicting a few casualties. This raid last only 10 seconds.—Reuter.

### Minor Scale Raids

German activity over Britain was on a comparatively small scale yesterday, being confined to a series of attacks by single aircraft which dropped a few bombs at a number of points in the south of England and the Midlands.

According to an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique reports up to 4 p.m. indicate that casualties were few, but a small number of persons had been killed. Some houses and shops were damaged in a Kentish town. Elsewhere damage has been slight.—Reuter.

### HEAVY RAID ON LONDON LAST NIGHT

Within one hour of the night alert, there was an almost continuous drone of aircraft over London.

Searchlights in both the outer and inner defences added to raiders' difficulties.

While searchlights probed the skies, guns poured shells along the courses of the German bombers.

Incendiary bombs dropped in various parts of the capital caused some outbreaks of fire which were dealt with immediately.—Reuter.

# Soviet Holding Firm To Molotov Neutrality Theme

## Reticent On Events In Balkans

THAT NEUTRALITY remains the cornerstone of Soviet policy, as has so often been asserted by M. Molotov, is again affirmed by the Moscow Press.

The reiteration is made in the course of editorial comment upon the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance, and all the leading organs follow the same lines, indicating official inspiration.

It is noteworthy that "Pravda" the other day devoted three columns to a review of the Soviet edition of Bismarck's Memoirs and referred to his insistence that there were no historical contradictions between Russia and Prussia.

In regard to Soviet-Japanese relations, both Molotov and Matsukava have expressed a desire to bring about an improvement.

### Balkans Reticence

There remains the question of the Balkans. Official spokesmen, in their talks with the Press, have been reticent about recent developments there, confining themselves to reiteration of the New York despatch stating that German troops have arrived in Rumania.

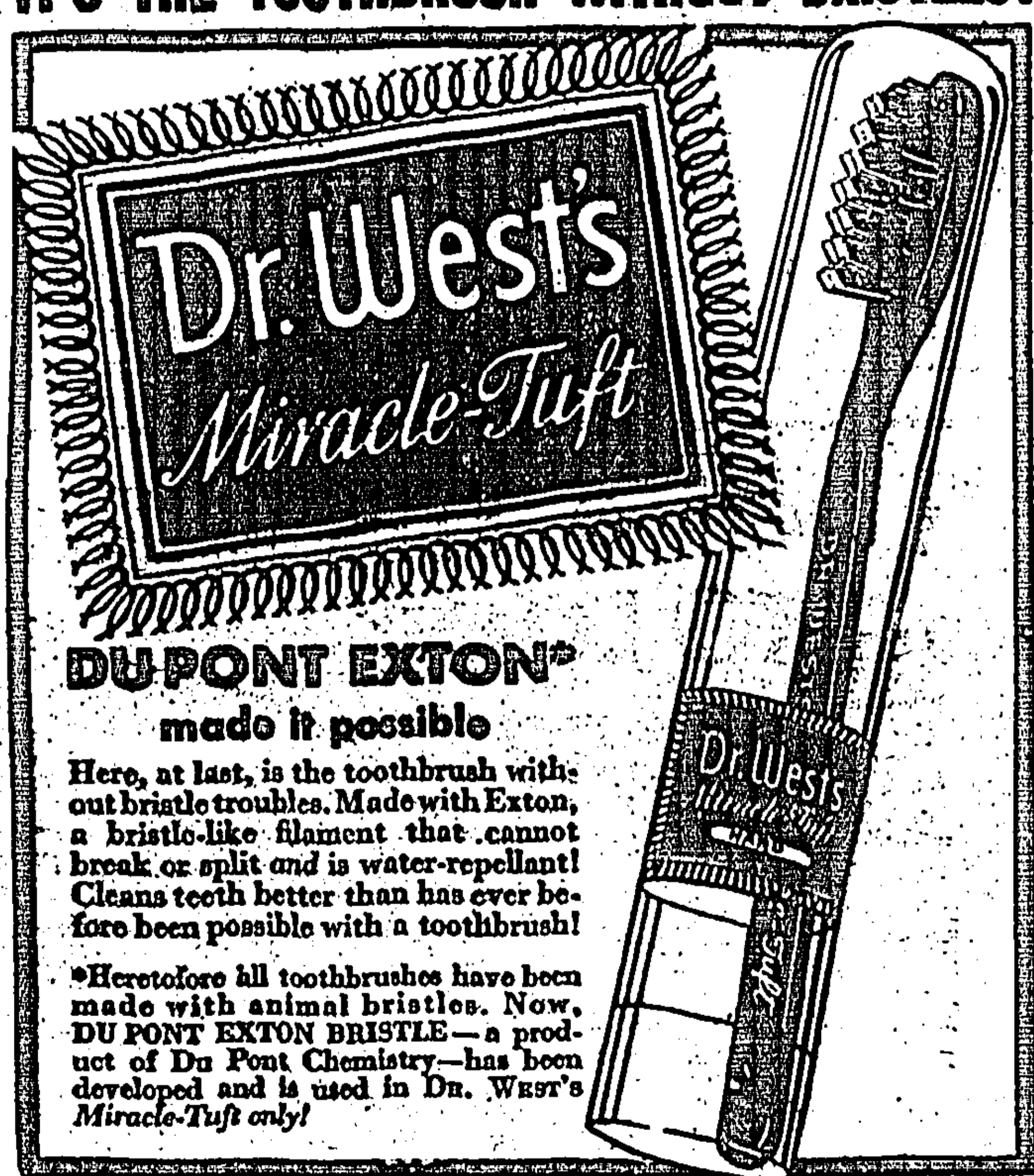
The Soviet is, however, interested in the Balkans and especially the Danube, as shown by the Note of September 10 in which the Soviet Government drew the attention of Germany to the fact that the Soviet Union was not indifferent to alterations in the Danube international navigation regulations. President Roosevelt's speech at Daytona is published in the Moscow Press without comment.—Reuter.

### WANG CHING-WEI IN SHANGHAI

Wang Ching-wei is reported to have arrived in Shanghai from Nanking yesterday. — Our Own Correspondent.

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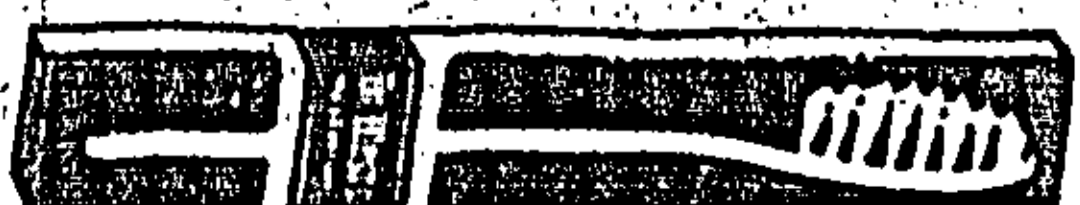
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## LONDON AFTER SIX WEEKS

In a despatch to his paper, the London correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Stockholms Tidning" says that after six weeks of attack from the air, London has been so little damaged that it still remains the centre of the Empire war effort.

Destruction to residences and factories is less than one per cent. He is, he reports, more than ever convinced that bombing from the air cannot decide a war unless one side is so superior that the opposing defences completely break down—which is not the case with London.

Leaving out the more heavily bombed parts of the East End of London, it is possible to take a quarter of an hour's bus ride in almost any direction without seeing anything more than some broken glass and craters in the road. — Reuter.

## ABYSSINIA AERODROME BOMBED

THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE ADMINISTERED A SEVERE POUNDING TO THE YAVELLO AERODROME IN ABYSSINIA ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

A Cairo communique states that heavy and incendiary bombs fell among the hangars and aerodrome buildings and a machine-gun post was quickly silenced.

Other South African aircraft made numerous reconnaissances over enemy territory on Saturday and Sunday. All machines returned safely. — Reuter.

## CARGO VANISHES

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF 20 CASES OF MOTOR-CAR ACCESSORIES FROM A SHIP SAILING BETWEEN HAIPHONG AND HONG KONG WAS REPORTED LAST NIGHT TO THE POLICE BY MR. T. P. LEE, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SHANGHAI BRANCH OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY.

Mr. Lee stated that the 20 cases were shipped from Hong Kong to Haiphong on September 21, but for certain reasons, the goods were re-shipped to Hong Kong. The ship arrived in harbour on Friday but the cases were not on board. The goods were valued at \$4,000.

## GERMANS IN LIBYA

NAZI CIRCLES IN BERLIN NOW ADMIT THE PRESENCE OF GERMAN SOLDIERS WITH THE ITALIAN TROOPS IN NORTH AFRICA, AND CLAIM THAT THEY ARE "SHOCK TROOPS."

The number of men is not revealed, but they are said to form an experimental corps to gain knowledge which will guide the future use of German troops in the tropics. — Reuter.



LONDON BOMBED — In the South-western suburbs of London, showing an off-licence shop proprietor who is carrying on as usual, since his business premises were wrecked. (Copyright, Fox).

## DESERT CONVOY ROUTED

I have just seen a graphic demonstration of cat-and-mouse tactics outside Cappuzzo, cables a special correspondent on the Libyan frontier.

Late this afternoon I was permitted to move up to the most advanced position from where I could watch closely the Cappuzzo road along which the Italians daily try to pass supplies to the garrison.

Watchers had to crouch low, and moved from look-out to look-out so as not to betray their presence.

News had just been received from the air that a convoy had left, Italian scouts evidently having reported the coast clear. Hidden behind a slight rise in the ground on our side of the wire wall, I could see our tanks taking up a position to await a chance to attack.

Soon a drawn-out line of mechanised units slowly came in sight, silhouetted against the setting sun, cautiously feeling the way towards Cappuzzo. Guns from our rear began to drop shells behind the convoy.

### Tanks Move Up

As the gun-fire continued I could see from the sand clouds that the range was drawing perilously nearer the transport column. Our tanks, eager for action, crept into a better position ready for the moment when the Italian vehicles were past a crucial point where it was easier to proceed than to retreat, and the tanks could usefully intervene.

Alas the convoy, after several halts, lost heart long before it

## INVASION PORTS BLASTED

A series of exceedingly heavy explosions resulted from an attack on Flushing Harbour on Sunday night by Coastal Command Blenheims, says the Air Ministry News Service.

The main line railway junction was one of the chief targets and following a major explosion, a series of fierce fires broke out when bombs fell.

Another great explosion occurred a full minute after one aircraft had unloaded the last of its bombs.

Other Blenheims carried out an attack over Domburg Harbour, north-west of Flushing, and across the mole at Zeebrugge. Here also explosions were extremely violent and destruction was increased by scores of incendiary bombs. — Reuter.

## FRENCH EMBASSY FOR PEIPING

According to a reliable source, the French Embassy in China is shortly returning to Peiping and is re-opening in the north permanently. — Reuter.

was anywhere near. Suddenly it turned tail, zig-zagged along the road between salvoes of shells, and dashed helter-skelter, leaving several vehicles which had been demolished by our guns. For consolation the guns turned their attention to the fort itself, starting fires which I could see blazing merrily, while the tank crews returned to supper.

# RAMSGATE CAVE-DWELLERS

## Reuter's Picture Of Life On South Coast

### No Compulsory Evacuation There

REUTER'S SPECIAL Correspondent, returning to London after a week in "the British front line," writes that tens of thousands of civilians, chiefly women and children who are still living along the south-east coast, show unbroken spirit after being for four months closer to the enemy than any others in Britain.

Dover, which is the target of occasional shelling, besides bombing, presents as busy and as cheerful an appearance by day as any town in Britain.

The bombing of these coast towns has not been, except in the case of Ramsgate, on the scale that London has experienced in the past five weeks although it has been extended over a longer period.

## SWIM POOL GERMS

"Vital raw material to industry is chlorine and its derivatives. It is used in the manufacture of clothes, medicines, colours, newspapers, anaesthetics, for bleaching, and by metallurgists.

Important, too, is chlorine in maintaining public health—in sterilising drinking water, as an antiseptic sponsored by municipal authorities for use in bathing pools; long recognised as possible sources of infection.

In 1916 and 1921 New York was subject to epidemics of acute anterior poliomyelitis, medical terms for infantile paralysis, which attacks adults as well as children. Disease spread along the beach regions of Long Island and the Hudson River.

When swimming pools were posed later as infection spots doctors replied that Paris experiments in 1931 showed that the infiltration of chlorine gas into the waters not only destroyed the bacteria of dysentery and typhoid, but was powerful enough to dispose of any poliomyelitis virus left by an infected swimmer.

Doubt, however, is now cast upon these previously expressed medical opinions as the results of experiments carried out by Drs. J. E. Kent and M. H. Soule, of the University of Michigan.

Chlorine gas is used in American swimming pools in concentrations of one to three parts for every 5,000,000 parts of water. But since the chemical is eliminated from pools because it combines with dirt, clings also to the skin and swim suits, these protective concentrations are often considerably reduced during the most popular bathing hours.

While indicating that the swimming pool experiments were still in a preliminary stage, the scientists stated: "Attention is directed to the shortcomings of this method for the protection of swimming pool water since carriers may discharge the virus from the intestinal tract or nasopharynx."

More definite results were reported in tests on drinking water. Majority of municipal supplies contain from one-half to one part of chlorine to 5,000,000 parts of water. The scientists placed an infantile paralysis virus in a solution raised to a 2 1/4 to 5,000,000 concentration.

An hour later they inoculated two monkeys with part of it, and found that both animals suffered paralysis.

After two and a half hours in the reinforced chlorinated water viruses were still potent enough to paralyse the legs of a third monkey. Five hours of exposure to the chlorine destroyed the effectiveness of the viruses.

Although experiments are still

Populations have admittedly diminished by a big percentage but evacuation, which is not compulsory, has never been wholesale. Cinemas close earlier than in peace time but remain open after the black-out.

Hardy British fishermen still go to sea in small boats despite the enemy on the opposite coast.

Fishing on this coastline is highly profitable, one fisherman having caught in one day over 2,000 pounds of fish and earned over £100.

### Ramsgate's Tunnels

Women and children in Ramsgate which was ruthlessly attacked on August 24 on the Polish model by the German air force, spend several hours by day and most of the night 60 to 90 feet below the ground in unique miles of tunnels cut in the chalk below the town.

Open to sea breezes, the dry and clean tunnels have, hitherto, not impaired the health of the people of Ramsgate.

Meanwhile, the civic authorities are still engaged in clearing the debris which the raiders left. —Reuter.

## POLICE AND SERVICE AUTHORITIES

A protest against the alleged lack of cooperation by the Service authorities in police inquiries into the theft of Government food stores was made at Cambridge Police-court by Insp. Lilley on behalf of the Chief Constable, Mr. R. J. Pearson. The inspector stated that two members of the R.A.S.C. had failed to appear as witnesses, although their commanding officer had been informed their evidence would be needed. The mayor, Councillor W. J. Wing, said the matter would be reported to the War Office.

The case concerned £35 worth of stores, Ldg. A/C. Kenneth Walter Barr, 23, ration storekeeper, was bound over, and Charles Green, 30, a civilian messing clerk employed by the R.A.F., was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for theft. On a receiving charge William Arthur Plumb, 60, of Sleaford Street, Cambridge, was sentenced to six months, and Christopher Almeric Townsend, 28, of Norfolk Street, Cambridge, to one month.

continuing to establish whether swimming pools are sufficiently protected, scientists believe that if poliomyelitis viruses once get into ordinary chlorinated drinking water from infected servants or family members, contaminated fluid is capable of spreading the disease for at least one and a half hours after contact.



NAVAL RATINGS AS LUNCHEON GUESTS—Members of the lower deck as well as Cabinet Ministers, admirals, generals and air marshals were among the audience to hear the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, when he addressed the National Defence Public Interest Committee at a luncheon at the Dorchester Hotel. A contingent of them attended as guests of the chairman, Lord Nathan of Churt. Photo shows two sailors enjoying beer and cigars during the luncheon. (Copyright, Fox).

## GERMAN RULE IN PARIS

A description of life in Paris under the German occupation has been given by a distinguished Portuguese woman resident in the French capital. She has just arrived in Lisbon, the German Commandant having permitted her, as a neutral, to return to her home.

The Germans, she said, carried out the occupation of Paris with their usual thoroughness. Their troops had bivouacked in the Bois de Boulogne during the night, but they did not look in the least like troops who had been fighting.

### Road Signs In German

Once the Germans had installed themselves order prevailed in the streets. Traffic control was established and road signs in German were put everywhere.

The Germans seemed to have a complete list of every Parisian resident of note, particularly of Jews. German officers immediately took over the homes of all wealthy Jews and installed themselves in luxury. The next thing they did was to re-open all the fashionable bars and restaurants. Cafe terraces, the Champs Elysees, and boulevards, such as the Rue Royale were densely packed with German officers.

They brought their wives and families from Germany and the big department stores were soon crowded with officers and their wives buying articles of all kinds. The German women were particularly eager to purchase Parisian lingerie and underwear.

### Press Campaign

The sinking by Britain of French warships to prevent them from falling into enemy hands was exploited to the utmost by the German-controlled newspapers. The "Matin," "Paris-Soir" and other newspapers were compelled to launch a violent Anglophobe campaign, and this is continuing. It had a profound effect on the masses at first, but thoughtful people were not deceived, though they had to pretend they were.

"I heard many remarks from Germans in Paris," she said, "about what they called the ruthless bombings of Hamburg, the Ruhr, and other places in Germany. These seemed to have produced a deep effect, particularly among German soldiers hailing from those parts."

## ENGLISH CHILDREN ON RANCH

The old ice skating rink of Grosvenor House, still with its diffused lighting and luxurious appointments, is now the clearing house for hundreds of children who are leaving for Canada and America.

On a large expanse of drugget covering the skating floor are desks occupied by American Consular officials issuing special visas for children who have sponsors in the States. Round the balcony, from which elegant crowds used to watch the skating stars, representatives of the American Committee for the

evacuation of children take particulars from those without sponsors.

In the ante-rooms doctors are examining each applicant while their parents complete the formalities of their evacuation.

### English Speaking Only

Mr. Justin Weddell, chairman of the committee, said that one woman in the United States had offered accommodation for 50 children on her ranch, where she had arranged a kindergarten. Her only stipulation was that the children should speak English.

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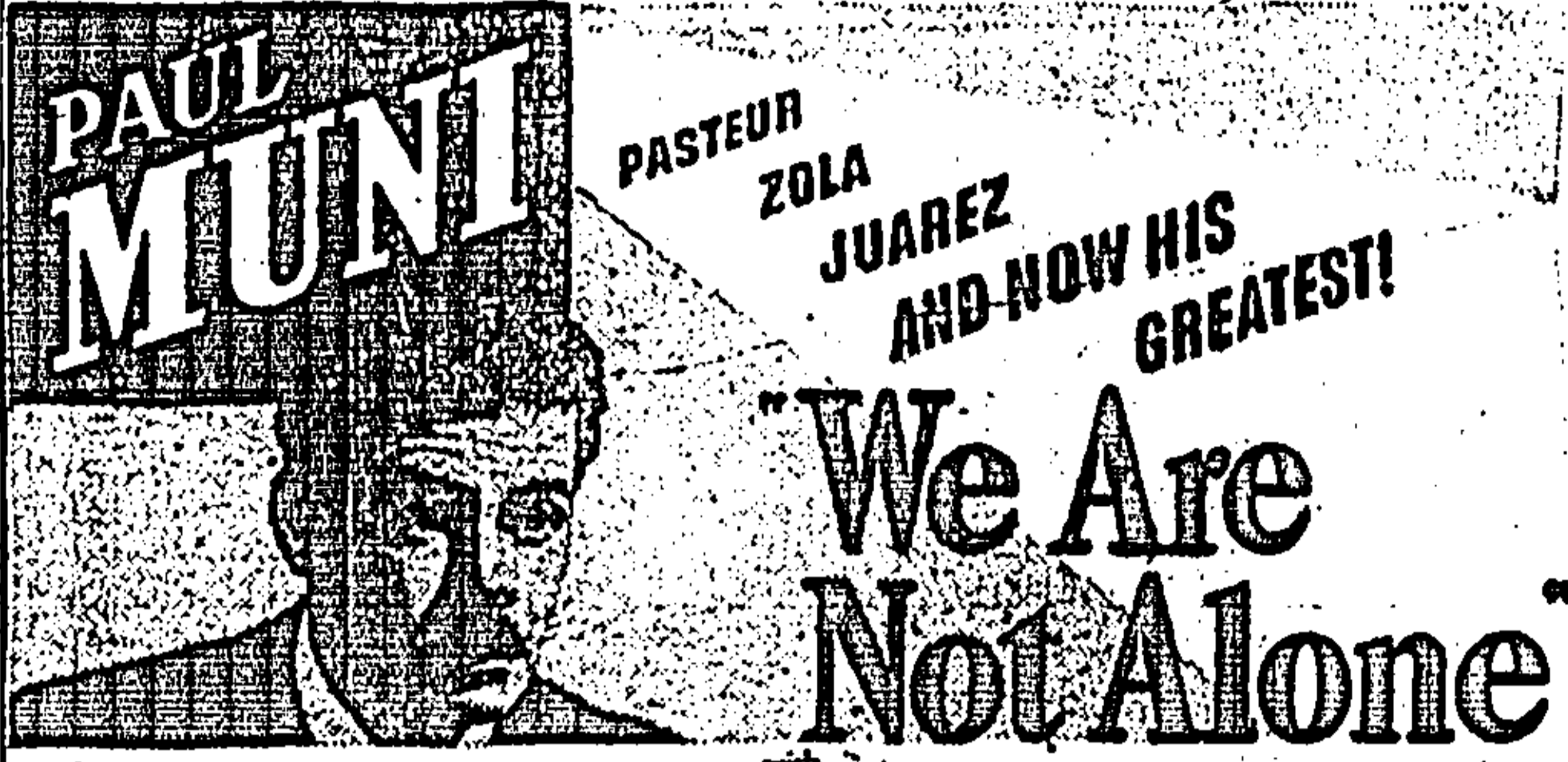
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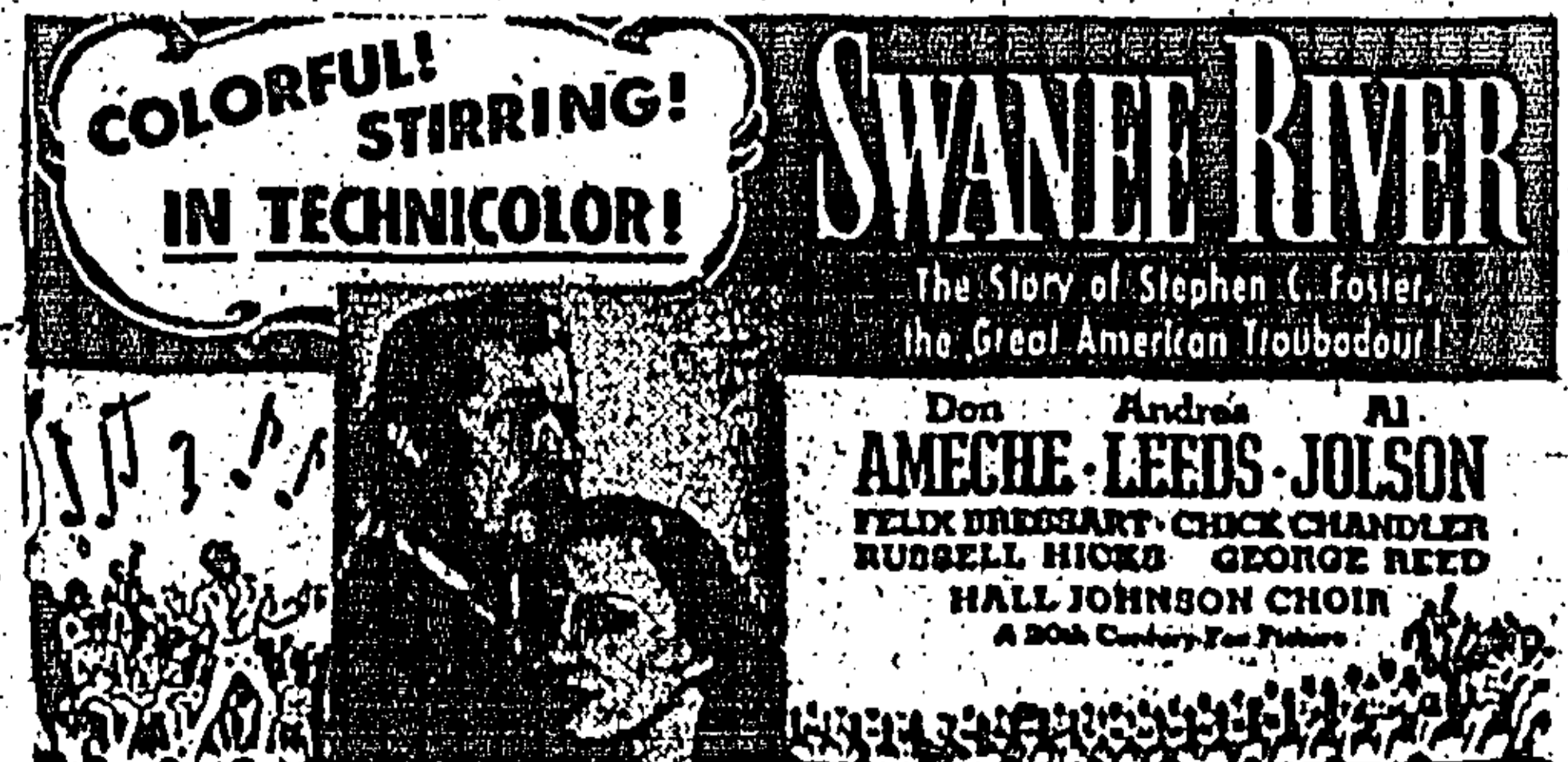
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# REMARKABLE FILM OF LONDON RAIDS REACHES AMERICA

"LONDON CAN TAKE IT" IS THE TITLE OF A REALISTIC FILM DEPICTING THE AERIAL BOMBARDMENT OF LONDON WHICH ARRIVED YESTERDAY IN AMERICA BY CLIPPER.

Night after night three young cameramen braved death to take these thrilling pictures of the British capital by night as Nazi bombers were droning overhead.

The American commentator, Mr. Quentin Reynolds, provides a laconic, drily humorous background to the film which includes shots of anti-aircraft guns in action, searchlights reaching their shining tentacles skywards besides realistic sound effects of the whistles and the crash of falling bombs.

As the commentator remarks, "there are not Hollywood sound effects but the real thing."

The film concludes with pictures of British bombers on their way to Berlin to drop their "eggs" on the enemy thus showing not only that Britain can take it but that she can hit back.

The film will be distributed immediately in the United States, Latin America and Canada and doubtless afterwards in the British Empire and the rest of the world.—Reuter.

## BULLETINS IN AN EMERGENCY

Further cogitation by the Ministry of Information has resulted in a decision to abandon its scheme to employ "sensible people" on senseless duties. This concession to popular feeling coincides with the Ministry's other withdrawals in regard to the "silent column" and the imposition of further censorship restrictions on newspapers.

The "sensible people" scheme came into operation six weeks ago. They had been selected in localities throughout the country for a remarkable purpose. If in any grave emergency communications went wrong they were to maintain morale by spreading news, if necessary, by word of mouth.

The Ministry has at last realised how easily news can be distorted by this means. The "sensible people" are not to be asked now to perform any such duty. A brand new plan has taken the place of the original method.

### Watch On Notices

Local committees, which were appointed at the same time as the "sensible people," are now responsible for the publication on approved sites of official bulletins. The committees will play the detective by seeing that no one tampers with the notices after they have been displayed.

It is stressed that the bulletins will be issued only in an emergency, such as a failure in the publication of newspapers. They will not be newspapers, needless to say, but will contain items of information and the official exhortations to which the Ministry has become so addicted.

One point that is puzzling really sensible people is the authorship of the bulletins. Who is to decide what the public shall or shall not be told? To most people it would have seemed the obvious course to make use of the local newspaper organisations for doing the whole thing.

## HUSBAND NOT DEAD

Mrs. Alice Woodhead, who had received a letter saying that her husband had died in America, was held in the Divorce Court to have married again in 1928 under that genuine belief.

A petition for divorce brought by her husband, Mr. Louis Woodhead, of Brighouse, Yorks, on the ground of her marriage to Mr. Charles Worthington, of Monton, Manchester, was dismissed. Mrs. Woodhead, who cross-petitioned on the ground of desertion, was granted a decree nisi.

Mr. Justice Langton said that in 1923, two years after his marriage, Mr. Woodhead went to America. He never communicated with his wife again, unless he wrote a letter she received from New York in answer to an advertisement she inserted in a newspaper.

The letter apparently bore the signature of Woodhead's father, added the judge. It announced that Mr. Louis Woodhead had died a few days after an accident in Philadelphia.

Mr. Justice Langton held that Mr. Woodhead did not send his wife three letters which he declared he posted to her from Philadelphia and did not communicate with her when he returned to this country in 1933. "It is clear," the judge concluded, "that he had deserted his wife long before that."

## THAILAND'S CLAIMS REJECTED

A flat refusal to consider any territorial claims put forward by Thailand is contained in an official statement issued last night in Vichy.

At the same time, the assurance is given that the Vichy Government is ready to ratify immediately the non-aggression pact.—Reuter.

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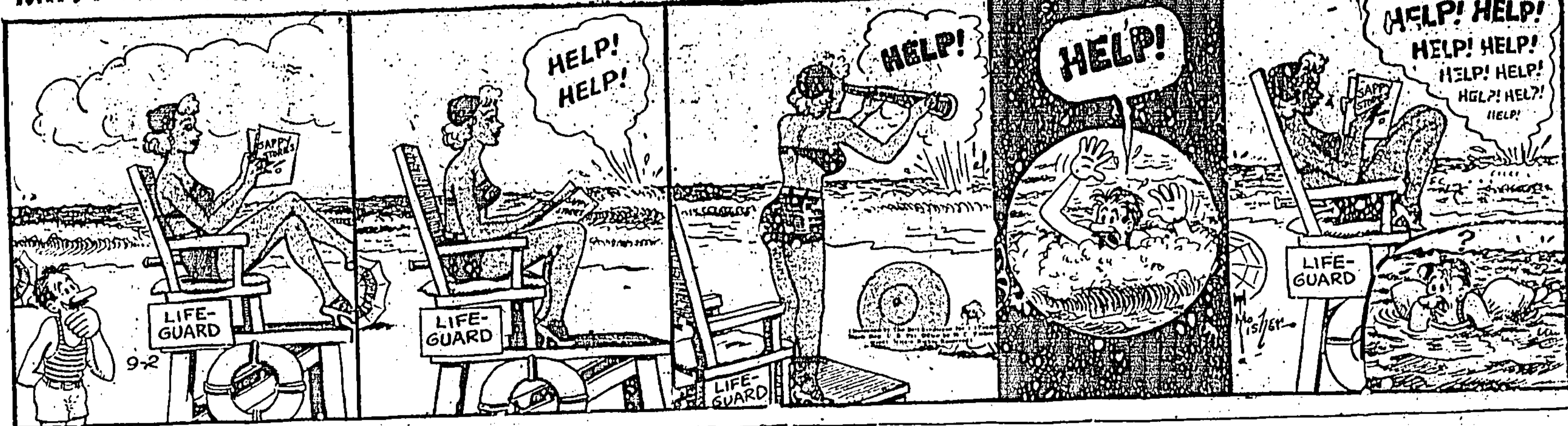
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## GERMANY'S PLAN TO WIPE OUT BELGIUM

A FRESH CAMPAIGN of Nazi lies and distortions in the Low Countries is believed to herald the launching of a plan which would entail the disappearance of Belgium as an independent nation and the creation of a vast vassal State which would act as a buffer between Germany and Britain.

Reliable information from Belgium, supported by comments in the German and Italian Press and broadcasts, indicates that the Nazis' aim is to reconstitute the State of Flanders, with notable additions at the expense of Belgium, France and Holland.

The view is taken in Belgium that this move provides proof that Germany has recognised that she cannot bring Britain to her knees by invasion and that she is attempting to build up a barrier against British offensive action.

The new State would have a sea coast from the ridge behind Boulogne to the northern Scheldt and including the islands of Southern Zeeland, Calais, Dunkirk, Ostend, Zeebrugge, Flushing, Antwerp and the Hook of Holland would be the maritime bases, and the whole plain of Flanders its air base.

## Loss To French

It would include, in addition to the Belgian provinces of East and West Flanders, the Belgian

province of Antwerp, Belgian and Dutch Limbourg, and a great part of the French northern provinces.

The Italian Press and wireless have declared that France will have to restore to Flanders the northern provinces annexed by the Kings of France seven or eight centuries ago. At the same time, German broadcasts have been denouncing the Treaty of Westphalia made in 1648, which the two Belgian provinces of Flandre Zelandaise and Northern Limbourg were given to Holland.

Germany's aim seems to be to restore Flanders to the position it occupied in the Middle Ages, when its territory extended on the coast from Calais to the Scheldt. The State maintained its independence until the 15th century.

## Subjugating State

That the new State will be under the complete subjugation of the Reich is indicated by the fact that the Germans are taking into their service Belgians well known to have been in their pay under the title of Activists during the war of 1914-1918.

Only July 11 the Germans organised a demonstration at Antwerp to celebrate the occasion of the anniversary of the battle of the Golden Spurs in 1302, when the train-bands of the Flemish citizens crushed the chivalry of France on the plains of Courtrai. The man the Germans chose to preside at this demonstration which all Flemish Nationalists were obliged to attend, was Dr. Borms, the traitor condemned to death and pardoned, who accepted the presidency of the Council of Flanders during the previous occupation.

The anti-French character of the demonstration was striking. The Germans took great pains to let loose hypocritical propaganda with the intention of inciting the Flemish directly against the French and indirectly against the Dutch.

## HISTORIC ACRES FOR NATION

The Marquess of Zetland, chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Trust, announced at the annual meeting that Mrs. Engelheart and her daughter had arranged to vest in the National Trust their historic property at Dinton, Wilts, with an endowment fund. The property, of about 27 acres, was bought in 1901 by Mrs. Engelheart's husband for the growing of the many new varieties of daffodils associated with his name.

Lord Zetland also stated that the Dolaucothly estate, of 2,500 acres, in Carmarthenshire was being presented by Mr. Lloyd-Johnes, with a substantial endowment. It had been in the family since the time of Henry VII. Not far from the house lay the famous Pump-saint Mines, now closed, which had been worked at intervals for gold and other metals since pre-historic times.

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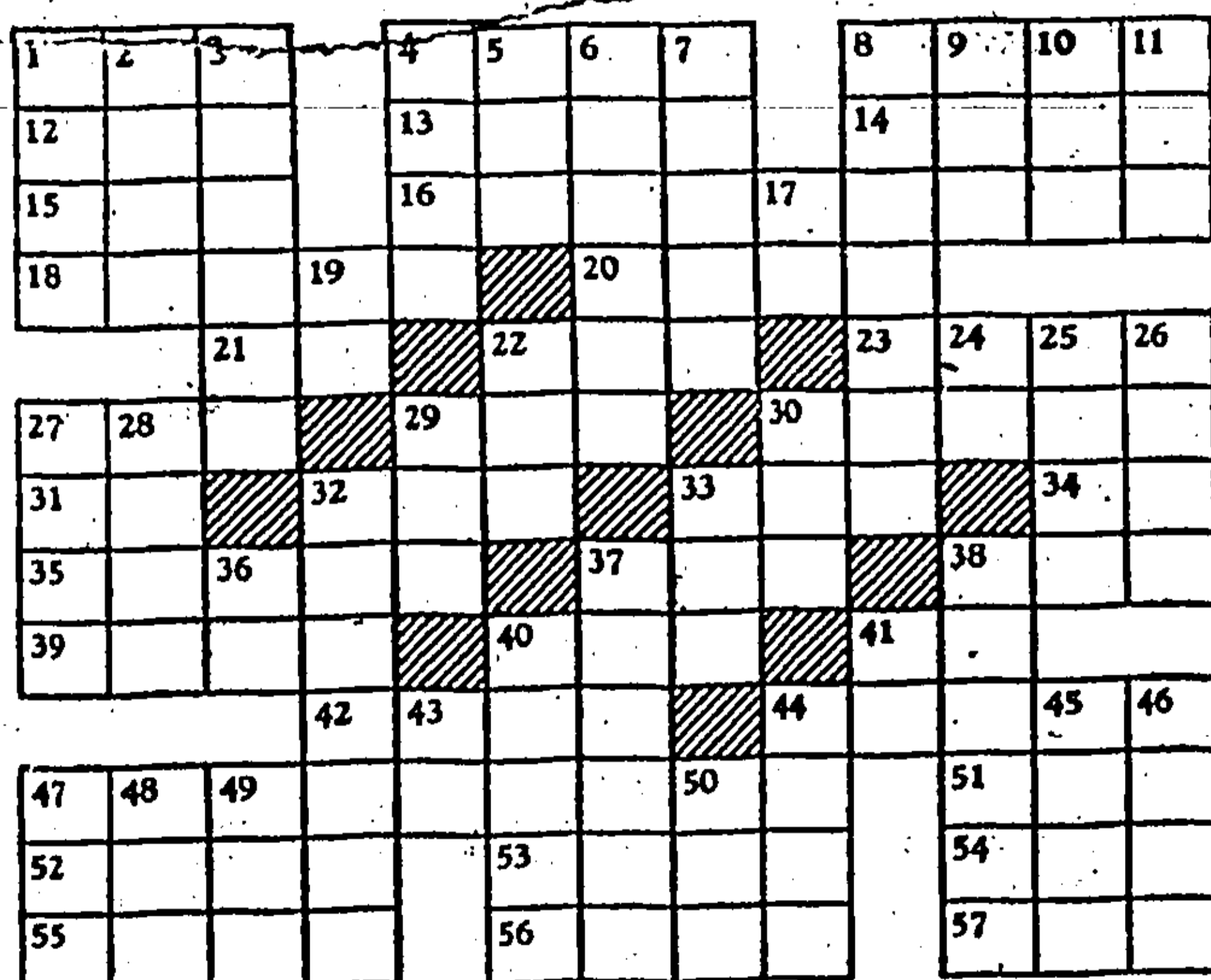
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- 1 To forbid
- 4 Handle
- 8 Plum-like fruit
- 12 Moslem name
- 13 To grant the temporary use of
- 14 Macabre
- 15 Youth
- 16 Temporary cessation of hostilities
- 18 King who was given "the golden touch"
- 20 Conspiracy
- 21 Behold!
- 22 Beverage
- 23 Venezuelan tree-snake
- 27 Ibsen hero
- 29 Cravat
- 30 Long-necked wading bird
- 31 Symbol for calcium
- 32 The sun
- 33 To spread for drying
- 34 Symbol for tellurium
- 35 Rapacious person
- 37 Female pig
- 38 Gushing flow
- 39 Silkworm
- 40 In what way

## VERTICAL

- 41 Sun god
- 42 Adjacent
- 44 Animal's offspring
- 47 Fictional giant
- 51 Biblical name
- 52 Sinful
- 53 Dagger
- 54 Prefix: three
- 55 Produced
- 56 Japanese coins
- 57 Poetic: in that place

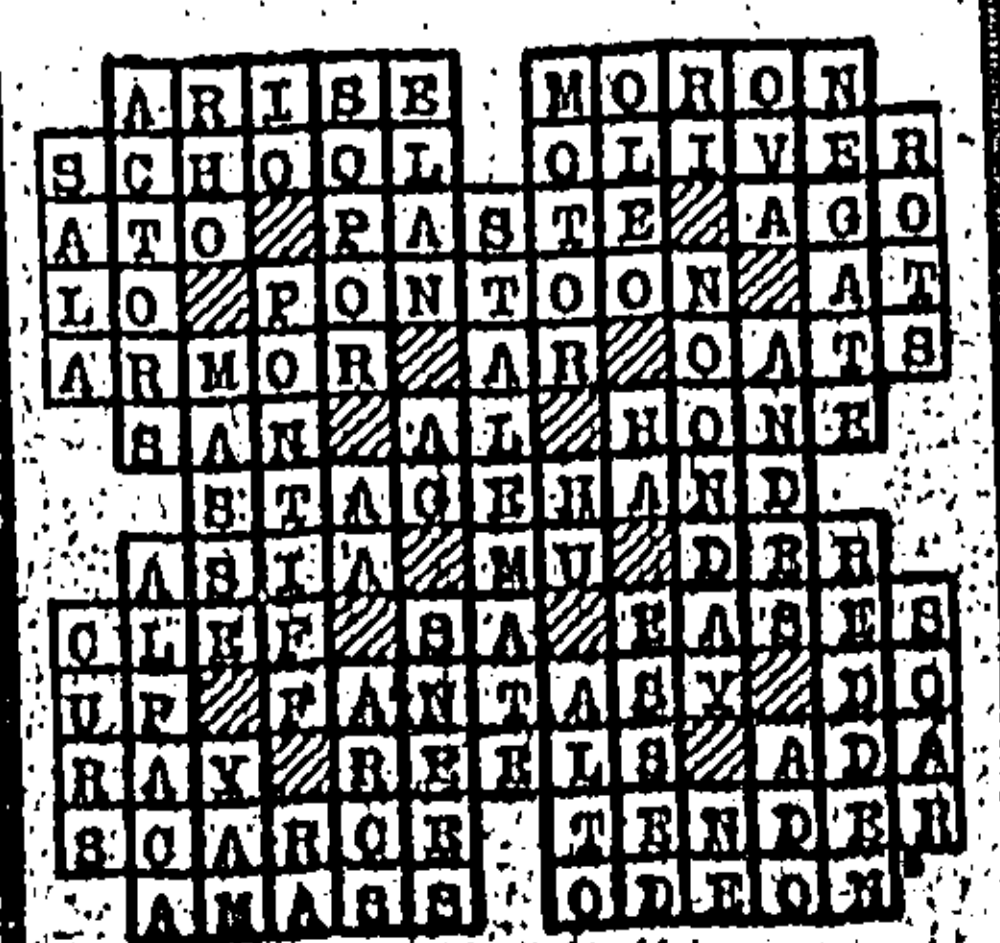
## VERTICAL

- 1 Soothing application
- 2 Turkish regiment
- 3 To perform, as with shot
- 4 Cry of sorrow
- 5 Conjunction
- 6 To examine
- 7 Feeble-minded

## 8 Calm

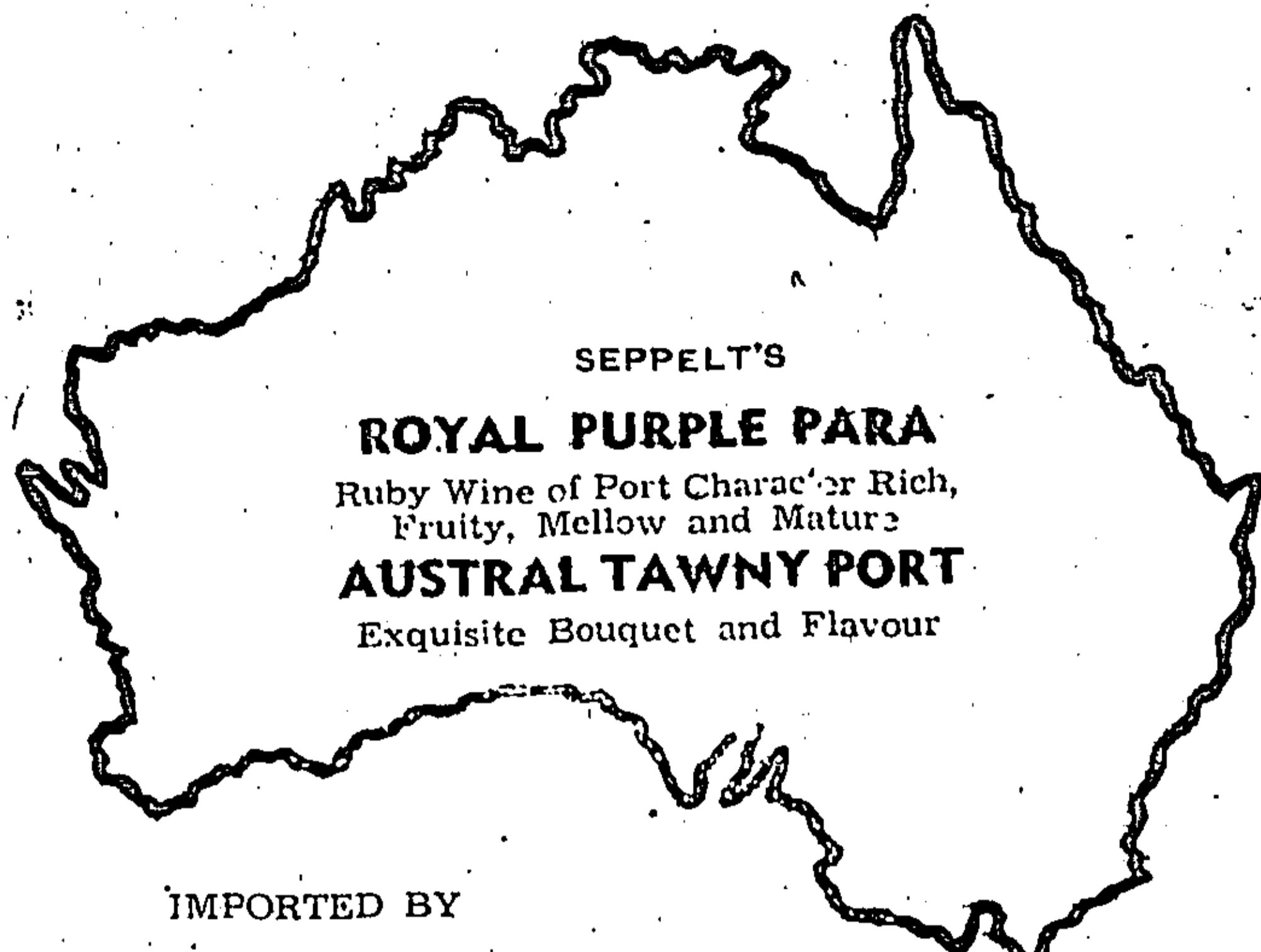
- 9 Garland
- 10 Grampus
- 11 To watch
- 17 Therefore
- 19 Indo-Chinese language
- 22 To be sick
- 24 Conjunction
- 25 Repetition
- 26 The dill
- 27 Pang
- 28 German river
- 29 Playing
- 30 To carve
- 32 Small sparkling object
- 33 To haul
- 36 Japanese measure
- 37 Sally of troops from a besieged place
- 38 Self-satisfied
- 40 Convenient
- 41 Artificial language
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## MEN BACK OF THE 'PLANES

BEHIND THE FLYING STRENGTH OF THE R.A.F. IS A VAST GROUND ARMY OF CRAFTSMEN AND TRADESMEN WITHOUT THEIR SKILL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP, THE GREAT AIR ATTACKS ON ENEMY POSITIONS, FROM NORWAY TO THE AFRICAN DESERTS, WOULD FAIL TO FIND THEIR MARK.

Without their constant attention to every detail, the life of the pilot would be gravely imperilled.

These workmen have been recruited for the Air Force from all sorts of trades; there are carpenters and blacksmiths, electricians and motor mechanics, instrument makers and meteorological workers, butchers and cooks, storekeepers and tailors. Among them are thousands of volunteers from the Dominions and Colonies.

Let us consider some of these men and the work they are doing. Since all of them are essential to the maintenance of the ever-expanding R.A.F., let us take them in alphabetical order.

First come the armourers—men who load and prepare guns for air firing, men who know all about ammunition and bombs. They must also know about the construction and action of bombs, the installation and checking of bomb sights and gun sights, the method of working a parachute flare—to name only a few of their duties.

### Keeping The Guns Going

Every day, for example, the armament officer and his armourers wait on fighter aerodromes ready to do a rush job. Speeding out of the sky comes a fighter section—three Spitfires, perhaps, fresh from patrol, possibly from action.

The pilots hurry across the field to make their reports. The armourers go to the machines and while refuelling takes place, scutinise the guns—one armourer and his mate to each wing of the aircraft. Each gun, if it has been fired, is stripped of its empty or half-empty belt. Its parts are swiftly examined for breaks or stoppages. Any replacements needed are made without delay. The barrels are pulled through with a cleaning rod, movable parts are oiled and, finally, the full belts are fed into their chamber.

All this is done in a few minutes. Back goes the report: "Blue section refuelled and rearmoured." The three Spitfires are ready to take off again.

The armament officer responsible for this work is a specialist in his job. He has taken an exhaustive course at an Air Armament School. One slip by an armourer might cause the death of a pilot and aircraft crew. The armourer's job, and the job of the armament officer, dates back to the Retreat from Mons of 1914, for it was during that episode of the last Great War that the Royal Flying Corps first discovered the need for competent armament officers.

### Tradesmen In War

Then there is the blacksmith and welder—the man who must know how to forge a head-lamp bracket for a car, weld a steel ring to given dimensions, or a new link on a chain, make and temper a cold chisel, forge, set and temper a spring, weld an aluminium arm to a crankcase. He must be an expert in the use and care of hydraulic valves and have knowledge of the advantages and disadvantages of high and low pressure plants.

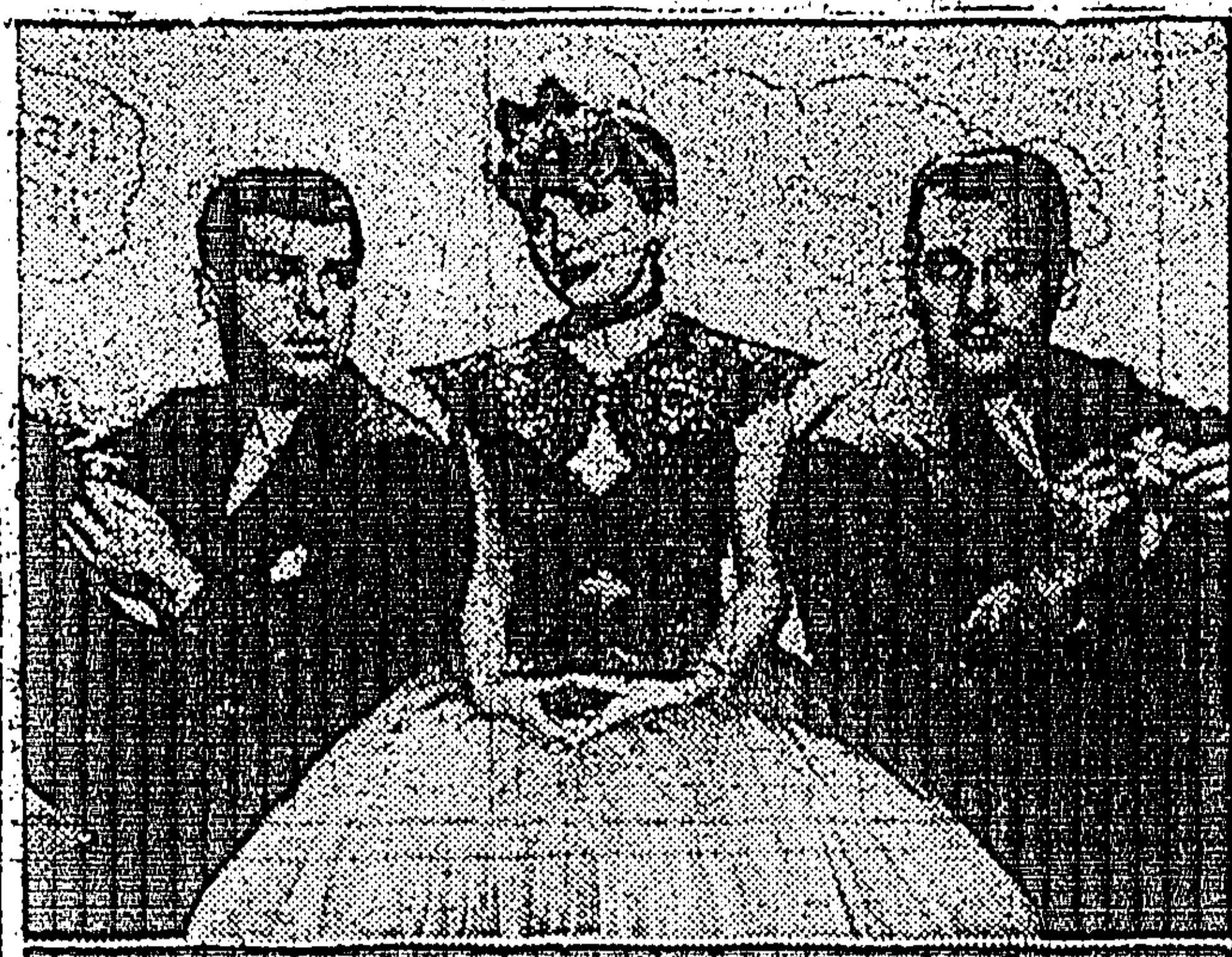
An Air Force carpenter may be called upon to make anything from a notice-board to an aircraft propeller, or if attached to the Coastal Command, he would probably undertake repairs to all kinds of floats and boats of aircraft and marine craft.

Even a cook in the Air Force must be a specially adaptable sort of craftsman. At a time when air battles are continuous, he may be asked to provide meals for tired and hungry flying men at all times of the day. And the good cook will improvise tasty menus for them, no matter how heavy the demands on him.

Run through the alphabetical list of draughtsmen, drivers, electricians, fabric workers, fitters and all the rest, and you'll find many trades and all of them important.

### The Weather Men

Not many people, perhaps, appreciate the services which the R.A.F. receives from its meteorological staff. Yet upon the accuracy and skill of their forecasts, the success of British air opera-



"She loves me . . . she loves me not" is the game Fred MacMurray and Melvyn Douglas play in Columbia's hectic comedy "Too Many Husbands," showing at the King's Theatre this week. Jean Arthur refuses to reveal the answers. After all, when a girl has two husbands, she doesn't want to offend either one of them, now, does she?

## SHELLING OF LIBYA FORT

THROUGH A NARROW slit in the gun-control tower of a 30,000-ton battleship I watched the British Mediterranean Fleet during its biggest bombardment of the war, writes a correspondent with the British Battle Fleet at sea during a recent operation.

The targets were Fort Capuzzo and the port of Bardia, the Italian key-point on the Libyan coast, where Mussolini has massed men and material for a drive against the British defences in the Western Desert.

As a result of the bombardment we learned later, the Italians abandoned Fort Capuzzo.

As we steamed back along Egypt's Northern Coast, with Italian bombers shadowing us, and making heavy but abortive attacks, the noise of 24 15-in. guns firing together was still ringing in my ears. Bardia must have been an inferno at breakfast-time, when these colossal shells, weighing nearly a ton each, began to crash down on it.

But the operation did more than smash the Italian concentrations. It emphasised once more Britain's complete control of Mediterranean waters.

### No Enemy Ship Seen

We sailed out, carried out the bombardment and returned without seeing one of Mussolini's warships. Aerial attacks on us showed the Duce once again the vanity of his theory that Italian air power can overcome British sea power.

The operation began when the Battle Fleet sailed out of Alexandria with flags flying and crews standing to attention on the decks. We had no inkling as to whether we were bound, and all day long, as destroyers fussed round the battleships like protecting sheepdogs, we discussed possibilities.

Then a notice from the captain was pinned up in the wardroom, reading: "This action will be short and sharp, and we shall have some fun."

As evening approached, preparations began to be made for the firing of our 15-in. guns. Pictures of the King and Queen were taken down from the walls of the

tions and the safety of the airmen largely depends.

Observations of atmospheric pressure and temperature, wind, cloud, weather and visibility must be regularly made, while their duties consist, as well, of the plotting of weather maps, computing sets of pilot balloon observations, taking charge of self-recording instruments and having complete knowledge of such technical instruments as anemographs, barographs, thermographs, pluviographs, and hygrographs.

There are medical and dental staff, photographers—some of whom are always occupied in making prints of aerial photographs taken over enemy territory—riggers, storekeepers, tailors, turners, and wireless operators.

All these ground workers are among those needed to keep the machines in the air. Unspectacular though their efforts may be, without their help tales of heroism in the air would never be told. Theirs is a vital contribution to the Empire's cause.

wardroom for safety and everywhere mirrors, lamps, glass cases, ornaments and crockery were placed where they could not fall down.

Long before dawn broke we were warned to go to action stations. Our warships catapulted their planes into the air and sent them over the target for spotting duty. Then we all wheeled and raced in towards Bardia in pre-arranged formation.

At zero hour approached, the whole ship's crew were hushed and tense. Then, as the hands of our synchronised watches reached 7 o'clock, hell broke loose. The fire bell pinged sharply, and there was a split second of agonised waiting. Then came a blinding flash and the whole ship leapt and shuddered.

### Direct Hits

Four 15in guns blazing off a few feet from one's ear make a noise it is difficult to imagine. You have to hold on to something to avoid being knocked over. Near us I could see great flames belch from the guns of other battleships as they launched their first salvos. After a few seconds we saw a flash of light and a column of smoke as our first shells landed, and, through earphones, we heard our spotter's report. "O.K., direct hit."

Soon 6in guns tuned in with their sharper note, and the din became indescribable. Bardia disappeared behind a curtain of smoke and flame. Twice came terrific flashes from the cliff top, and we knew we had scored hits on ammunition dumps. Different coloured columns of smoke rising from the town told us that various objectives had been hit.

All the while the calm-voiced spotter was broadcasting a running commentary. "Hit on cliff side, rather short—O.K. Direct hit on harbour. Four hits off road leading into town. Building in centre of town destroyed," and so on.

Throughout the bombardment squadrons of R.A.F. fighters were cruising above to protect us from Italian bombers, but none turned up. The only opposition we met with was from one small shore battery, which shot wildly and infrequently in our direction.

When the "cease fire" sounded the fleet slid away from the coast, leaving Bardia a smoking monument of the efficiency of the Navy's gunnery.

There was an epilogue to come. Before lunch a cloud of Italian bombers suddenly appeared at a great height and attacked the warships. Their bombs fell harmlessly, and before they had time to do more our guns were in action, and R.A.F. fighters were racing out from the coast.

# CHINA MAIL

## WINDSOR HOUSE

### RUMANIA

Hitler's military occupation of Rumania may be part of a larger design against the Middle East. It may, on the other hand be compelled by the difficulties created following the extensive dismemberment of Rumania under his "referee" pressure two months ago. The practical fact is that Hitler knows that a situation was created which is not safe for anybody, the participating parties or the dictating, threatening and competing bystanders.

The fears of the Nazi dictator individually and collectively gravitate to one, Russia as the challenger of Nazi domination in the Balkan area. Dictator Stalin and Dictator Hitler are suspicious and jealous of each other, diplomatic allies to a degree but planning programmes that clash in almost all essentials, allies for expediency, but distrusting competitors in conquest as soon as expediency fails to dictate otherwise. What Hitler is starting in Rumania looks for all the world like a picket fence thrown across the path of Stalin's ambitions and expansion plans.

The Rumanian oil fields constitute no enormous factor in world oil supply, but their production is big from the point of view of Germany, under prevailing conditions of distress in connection with fueling of the war machine. All indications are that the oil supply forthcoming from Russia is disappointing. Also the British airmen evidently have scored numerous hits on Germany's synthetic oil plants, making the Rumanian supply all the more vital, too important for the neglect of any detail of protection and control.

The Danubian food supply is in much the same general category as the oil supply; subject to the same pressure as to urgent need and danger of loss of control.

Since the Balkan field is vitally important in the Soviet scheme as well as in the Nazi net-work one might inquire why Stalin stands by and allows Hitler's aggression to go unchallenged. The simple

Her food supplies depleted by years of sacrifice to arms-making, and further threatened by the transfer of agricultural workers to the army, Germany began the war in no condition to stand the pressure of the British blockade.

But she has added to this a self-blockade that hits the German people and other European nations as well.

By over-running Norway, Denmark, Holland and Belgium, Germany acquired big stocks of food for immediate use.

But in doing so she "killed the goose": she put an end to the capacity of these countries to send her the great supplies she had always received from them.

For all these countries depended on imported feeding-stuffs for their livestock and on imported fertiliser for their agriculture.

Without imports they cannot even feed themselves, let alone Germany. And now that they are enemy-occupied territory, they cannot be allowed to import in order to keep Germany's war going.

By over-running France, the Germans acquired certain food stocks and a great agricultural country.

answer is that Stalin can afford to wait as long as he has reason to believe Hitler may be easier to fight later on than he would be if challenged outright now.

This is another application of the theory that the starting of to-morrow's war depends on the outcome of to-day's war—a point that finds application on the various fronts in Europe as well as in Asia.

But France's agriculture, though great, was not great enough to make her self-supporting in food supplies, so that France, too, is a liability and not an asset, to Germany's food economy.

### Where Germany Stands

Each extension of Germany's military domination has led to a corresponding decline of food power.

How difficult is Germany's situation now? How far have the

By

R.W.B. Clarke

Nazis gone down the slippery slope to starvation?

Will these food difficulties in fact be supportable, or is Germany approaching a situation similar to that of the summer of 1918, or even of Central Europe in the appalling years which followed the last war?

It is simple enough to see the qualitative process working out, to say that the food situation will be worse in the winter of 1940-41 than it was in the winter of 1939-40. But how much worse will it be? Will it be so bad that it will in fact force the Nazi Government to modify its programme of world domination, and hurriedly devote resources to the righting of food supply instead of consolidation of conquest?

Will it be so bad that it even endangers the existence of the Nazi Government itself?

Hitler's conquests have gone so far that the situation must be examined from a European point of view.

The nations of the European Continent (excluding Britain, of course, but including everything

else as far as Russia), consume either as food or as feeding-stuffs, some 130,000,000 tons of cereals a year. Of this, about one-tenth is normally imported from outside Europe.

It is certainly not unreasonable to suggest that European production this year will be 25 per cent. below normal. In South-Eastern Europe, the main granary, the harvest is expected to be at least 25 per cent. down. That of Germany will fall by hardly less. It was estimated that the French harvest would be reduced by some 25 per cent., even before German occupation.

With non-European imports excluded, the current supply available for consumption will thus be reduced by about one-third. This is a reasonable minimum reduction; it may conceivably be more, perhaps as much as one-half.

On the other hand, there are certainly war reserves of grain which in the aggregate are substantial. But these are needed both to make good the shortage of bread grains, and to make good the shortage of animal feeding-stuffs to maintain the supply of meat and fats. Such reserves, therefore, cannot suffice for more than a limited period.

### Poor Food

The current rations in Germany are just adequate, but their dietetic quality depends to a large extent upon the output of fruit and vegetables, the distribution of which is threatened by transport difficulties.

The diet, furthermore, is dull and unvaried, and very unpalatable, especially at a time when the German people are expecting a dividend from victory. However, the German people will be able to eat the stocks looted from the occupied territories. Unless the harvest is a complete failure, the German food supply during the next twelve months may not be intolerably bad.

It will be maintained, however, only at the expense of the people of occupied territories.

Here, indeed, is the core of the whole problem. The resources of Europe are enough to feed the German people. They may be enough, too, for the Italians, who will no doubt be allowed to have what the Germans do not need.

### Starve The Conquered

But the price of this will be the starvation of the people in the occupied territories. The 42,000,000 French men and women, the 17,000,000 Dutch and Belgians, and the 13,000,000 Scandinavians will be the sufferers, alongside the 25,000,000 Poles.

Their food supplies are literally being ravaged by the Germans. The more they produce the more will be stolen for the German granaries.

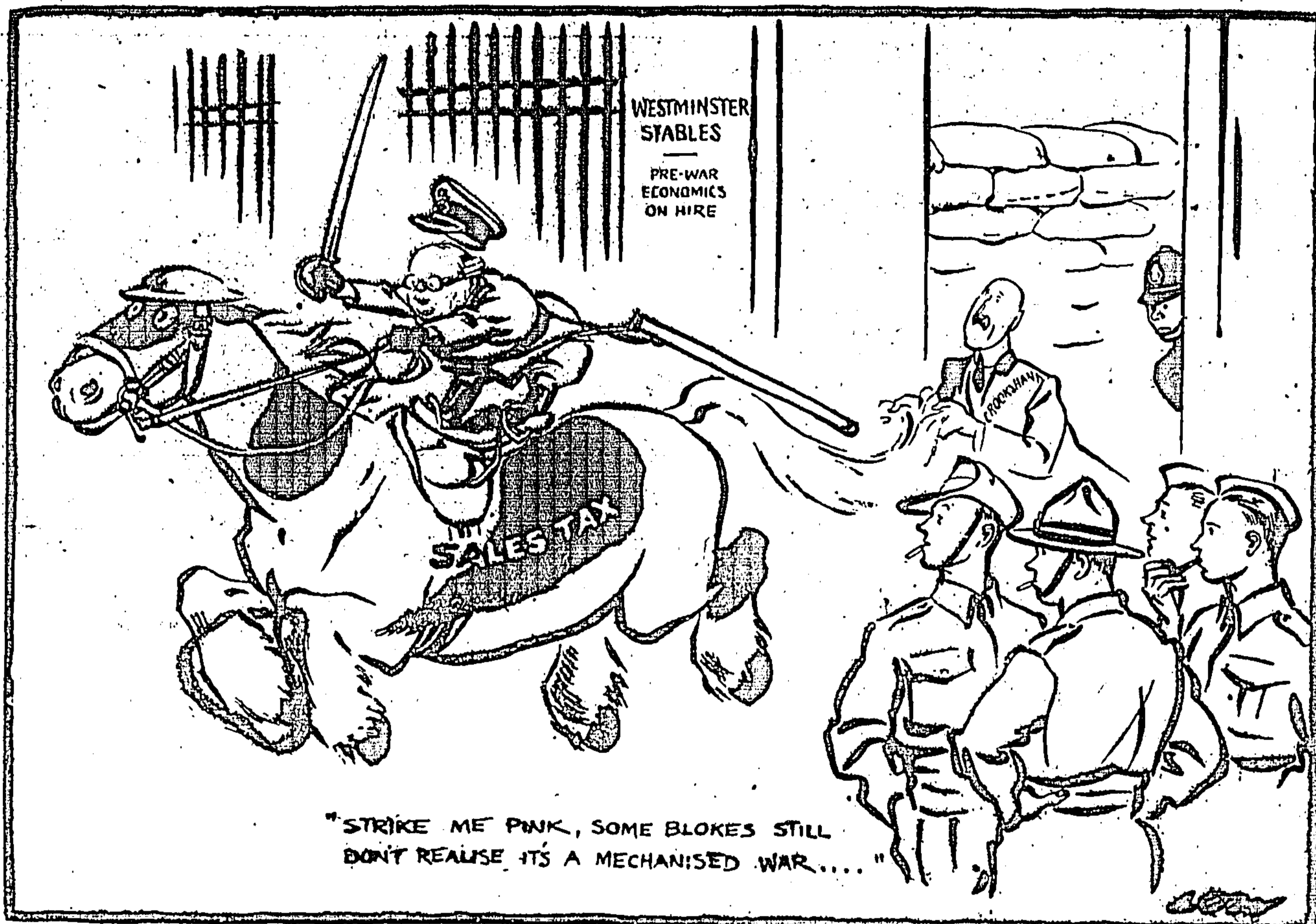
If they succeed in buying supplies from abroad, those supplies too will be swept into the German maw.

They may be allowed enough to save them from starvation—although the experience of Poland throws doubt even on that.

But they will assuredly be allowed no more than the minimum. That is certain and assured; we have enough experience of Nazi policy in occupied territories to determine it.

So we see the "Guns before Butter" policy reach its apotheosis. As a direct consequence of the deliberate policy of the German Government, Germany has reached a situation in which the German people can be fed only by a locustlike looting of the occupied territories, and by an exhaustion of Germany's own stocks. This in its turn will not only threaten something very near starvation for the millions of men and women in the defeated countries, but it also means the virtual destruction of those nations' long-term food potential.

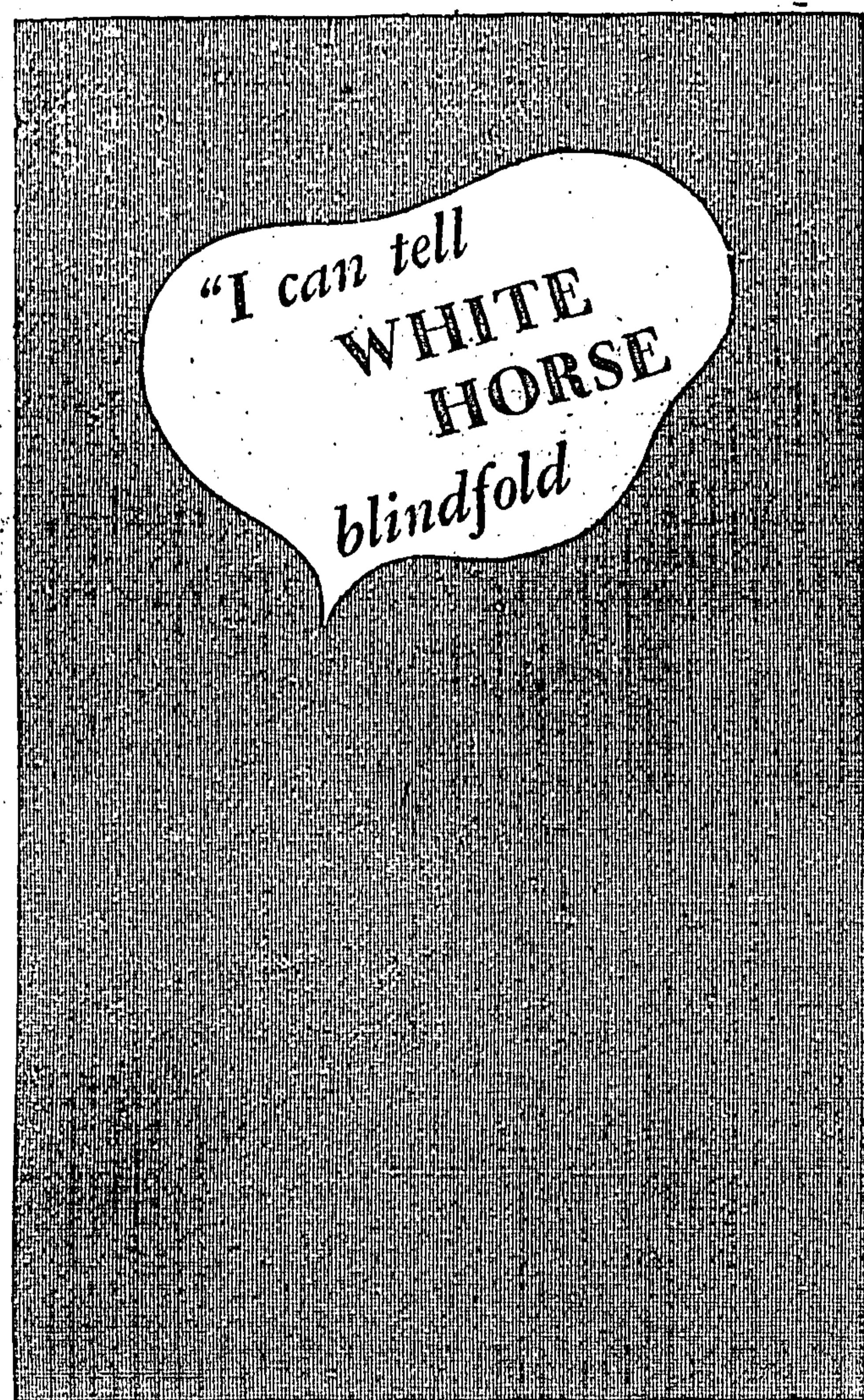
The ravages of war followed by the ravages of looting cannot be repaired in one year or even in five years.



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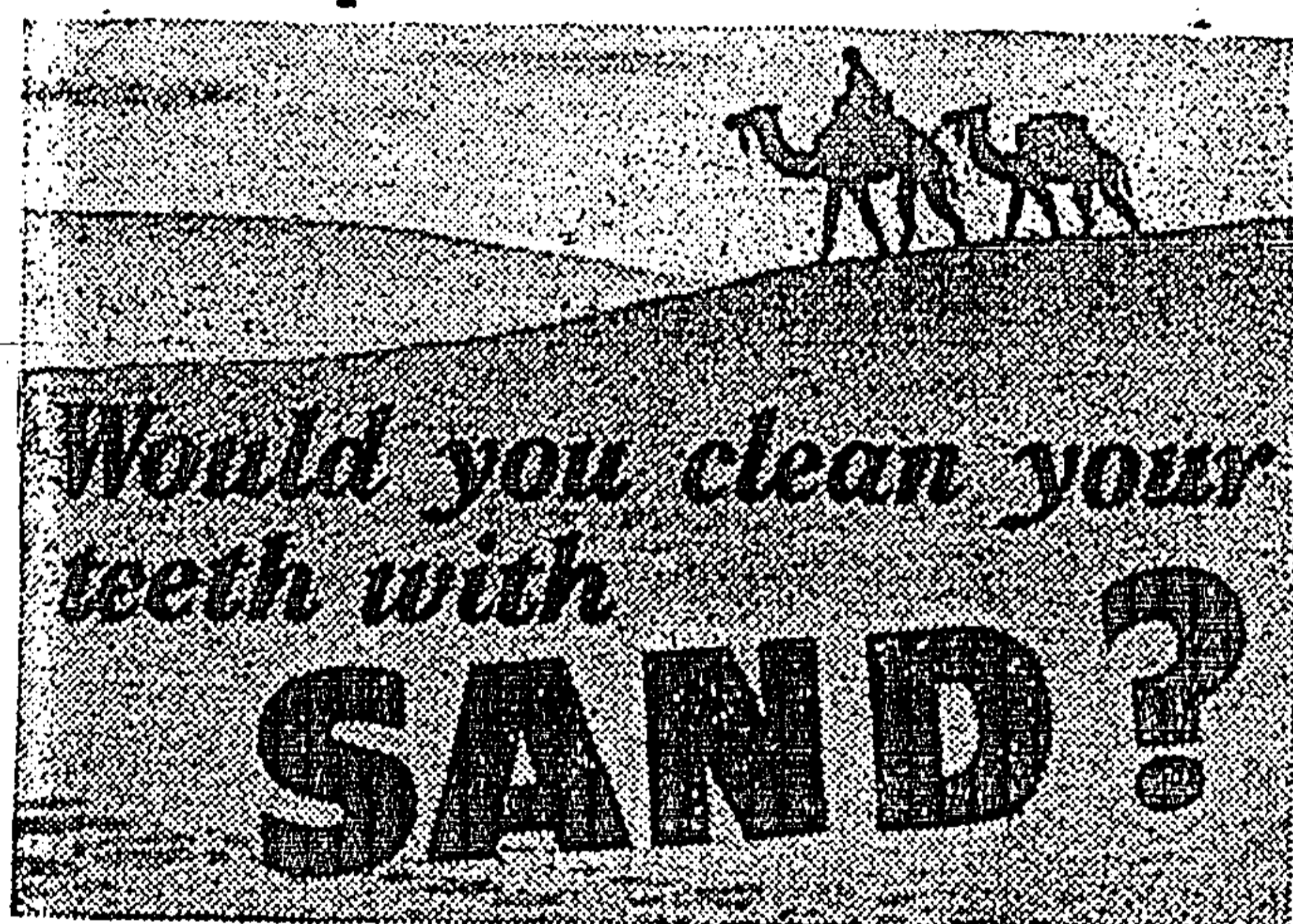
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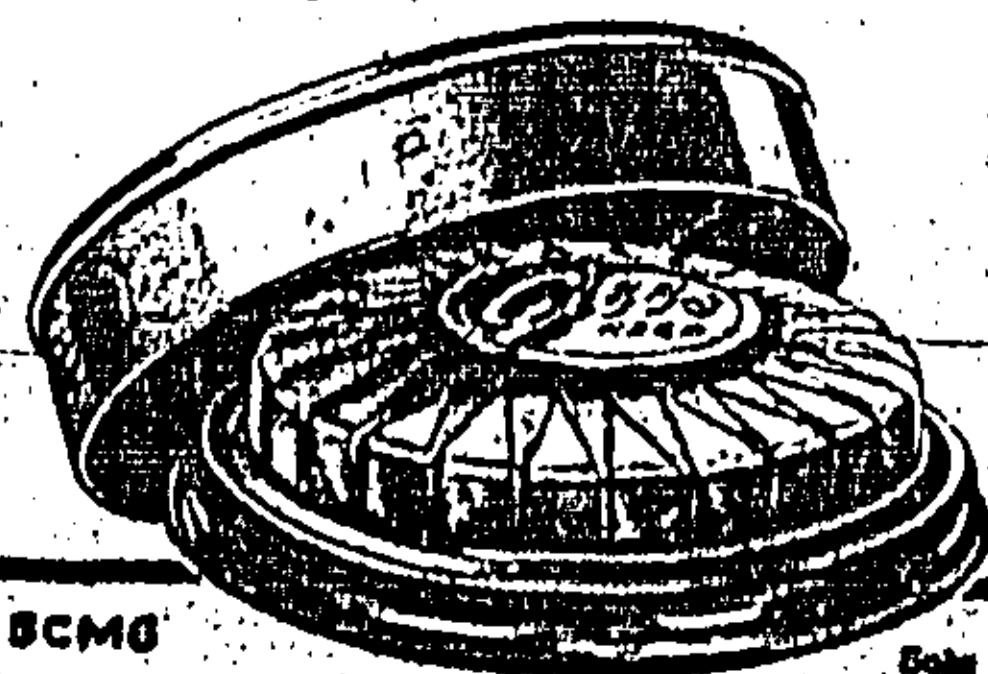
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Fred MacMurray and Melvyn Douglas settle a slight feud with somewhat disastrous results in this scene from Columbia's "Too Many Husbands," coming next to the King's Theatre. Incidentally, the film is based on a stage success by Somerset Maugham.

## NAZI MENACE INSIDE U. S.

THE COMPLEXITY OF the Nazis' world-wide propaganda organisation and the gravity of the Fifth Column threat to the United States have been examined by Col. Wm. Donovan and Edgar Mowrer in the final articles of a series distributed to American papers by Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, as part of the nation's preparedness programme.

Every year, the writers assert, Hitler's Germany spends £50,000,000 on the organisation of Germans living in foreign countries and on propaganda.

"As matters now stand," they say, "it is highly probable that the United States has the finest Nazi-schooled Fifth Column in the world, one which, in case of war with Germany, could be our undoing."

"Nazi Germany is now prevented from an assault on the Western Hemisphere by nothing but the might of Great Britain. Unless we Americans take the trouble to see through Hitler's stratagems and learn by others' experience, we, too, may fall a victim to them."

### An Ideal Field

"Whatever plan he adopts there is little doubt that the United States constitutes just about the ideal field for the exercise of the same sort of thing that brought Norway, Holland, Belgium and France to their downfall."

"Here there is a German colony several million strong. Here, in thousands of important households, are domestic servants ready to fulfill their duty to the Fatherland by revealing to the German authorities anything of interest that comes their way. Here are thousands of German waiters as 'snoopers.' Here are skilled workmen in arsenals, factories, shops and business houses."

"Here there is already an entire party apparatus and organisation with unlimited friends. Here are scores of extra-territorial agents in the Germany Embassy and Consulates engaged in God knows what form of activity, of which the least one can say is that it is directed against American democracy."

### "Susceptible Masses"

"Direct links with Germany aside, are we Americans ourselves invulnerable to Nazi propaganda? Our masses are strikingly susceptible—hundreds were quick to flee from columns of allegedly advancing invaders from Mars."

"If, deaf to Nazi propaganda, we finally went to war many would risk life and limb to destroy their own country, sabotage its defences, weaken its war effort, sink its ships, and kill its soldiers and sailors for the benefit of an alien foreign dictator and his alien political philosophy."

"A situation like that in France might well arise. If France, with its highly centralised administration and all-seeing police, could not effectively deal with enemy propaganda in time of war, how much chance has the decentralised and pluralistic American democracy unless it has learned from the experience of Germany's European victims and has taken the necessary steps in time?"

## WHAT NAZI AIR FORCE IS DOING

Ansaldo, one of Mussolini's propaganda henchmen, and editor of the newspaper "Telegrafo," which is owned by Ciano, the Italian Foreign Secretary, reached new heights of imagination recently.

In his weekly radio effort to cheer up the Italian forces he announced that the great attack on England had been in progress for some time.

He told them that every day in the German High Command bulletin they could follow how "the ring round England is closing ever tighter and more pitilessly, how England is becoming increasingly affected in her life, in her vital centres and in her organisation."

"What the German air force is now doing over England will only be understood properly by the layman when Albion has at last been brought to the ground like her former ally France and lies in the dust. This day will shortly come," he concluded.

## SUPPLY FEATS IN DESERT

Despatches from this front have dealt almost exclusively with the fighting elements, whose deeds have fully merited the publicity they have received; but many others who have contributed to these successes have remained anonymous writes, a "Daily Telegraph" Special Correspondent with the British striking force, Libyan Frontier.

Almost daily, striking feats of endurance are achieved behind the lines by the supply services, without whose efficient collaboration the fighters would not have achieved what they have done.

Wherever you go there is a lively appreciation of the devotion and doggedness with which supplies to the front line are regularly maintained, often in face of bombing attacks, over the long distances and barren country which separate even the forward supply depots from the frontier.

### Repairs On The Spot

In the teeth of terrific sandstorms, under an overpowering sun, whose heat causes cars to "hot up" every few miles, along difficult tracks which, when they are not vast rubble-dumps, are covered with thick dust and sand concealing the deep furrows made during the winter rains, causing the best cars to break down, the men engaged in these services have persevered to enable their comrades to fight on.

The strain on the mechanised units has been tremendous, and praise is due to the recovery stations on which, isolated in the middle of the desert, directs through light aid detachments the work of succouring lame dogs.

## LEAVE PETROL ANOMALY

THE FACT THAT OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE REGULAR ARMY ARE DENIED THE PRIVILEGE ENJOYED BY THE NAVY AND R.A.F. OF GETTING SHORT-TERM LICENCES FOR LAID-UP OR BORROWED CARS IS NOT THE ONLY ANOMALY OF WHICH COMPLAINT IS MADE.

For their own fully licensed cars Army personnel can only get more than the basic petrol ration by applying with leave certificate to their divisional petroleum officer for an ex gratia allowance. The other Services are entitled to petrol for 300 miles while on leave and may draw it twice a year.

The discrepancy is due to the fact that the regulations were drawn up while the B.E.F. was abroad and were made to apply to Service personnel while on leave "from outside the United Kingdom." In existing conditions the regulations do not carry out Parliament's intentions, but unless the War Office moves, they will not, it appears, be altered.

## CURFEW FINES ON COAST

Four women and a man were fined 20s each at Hove for being out of doors in the curfew area after 10.30 p.m. without a written authority. Chief Insp. Lovell said that the cases were the first of the kind brought by the authority of the Regional Commissioner.

Mrs. Queenie Watts, of Waterloo Street, Hove, said she had been delayed by a car breakdown. She was stopped by a policeman at her door.

Mrs. Fanny Barley, of Waterloo Street, Hove, said she was crossing the road at 10.30 after visiting a sick brother.

Charles Ernest Bennett, a Shoreham labourer, now serving with the Forces, pleaded ignorance of the curfew. He said when it came into force the previous week he was on night work.

Two other defendants were Edith May Burgess, of Buckingham-place, Brighton and Helen Marlon Pearson, of Westbourne Place, Hove.

# EX-EMPRESS FINDS PEACE IN U.S.

CHANGING THE GUARD before the house that shelters Zita, last empress of the old Austro-Hungarian empire, is simple.

A sturdy Massachusetts state trooper drives up, says "How's it, Frank?" to another trooper, who asks how the Red Sox came out, and drives away.

It has been so since mid-July when Zita, one-time mistress of 50,000,000 subjects, came to the peaceful New England village of Royalston, Mass., as a refugee.

The two blue-uniformed troopers are the only tangible symbols of the life of guarded royalty that was Zita's—crowned empress at 24, banished at 27, mother of eight children, widowed at 30.

To-day, at 48, somberly dressed, she "holds court" in a square, wooden white house of the better type.

Two courtiers of the old days are with her—a countess and a count—besides seven of her eight children. To all of them, the brown-eyed, greying lady still is "Majesty." Through one of them, she makes the rare comments that can be published.

As, for instance, when she said in her gentle voice:

"It is peaceful here. These hills and mountains remind me of the Austrian landscape. It is wonderful to hear the aeroplanes no longer, to light the rooms at night without prohibition, to walk in the field with nothing to fear."

To walk in the field.

## Singing Of Bobolinks

She does that often. Behind the home of Calvin Bullock, New York broker, where Zita is living, stretches a golf course and meadows where only the singing of bobolinks breaks the stillness.

"It is like the Wienerwald, the forests near Vienna," says Count Degenfeld, her gentleman-in-waiting.

But to Zita, the trim, farmed fields that skirt the meadows could mean something deeper.

It was in a wheat field in Hungary that she and her late husband, disguised as Russians, made a forced landing during an adventure more daring than one from a Graustarkian novel. Exiles in Switzerland in 1921, they had heard from royal Monarchists still in Hungary that the time was ripe for a restoration. They got a plane, flew over Austria, and after the forced landing pushed on for a rendezvous with loyal Hungarians who had a troop train ready for a coup d'etat.

But Czechs and Yugoslavs mobilised against them and bullets pinged against the locomotive in which stood the Emperor Karl and Zita. Eventually, after a battle, Karl gave up his attempted coup to prevent further bloodshed.

## Knelt On Cinders

Before that battle, Catholic Zita and the emperor knelt on the cinders of a railroad track to hear mass in the open air.

To-day, she attends services at Immaculate Conception Church in nearby Athol. She and her family occupy a front pew, and at communion time file to the altar rail. It is on such days, when Archduke Otto, 28, the pretender to the Hapsburg throne, and Archduke Felix, 24, come up from New York, that the family is jolliest.

## LONDON CANAL TO BE FILLED IN

Part of the Grand Union Canal where it runs through London is to be abandoned. The Minister of Transport, Sir John Reith, has made an order releasing the company from the liability of maintaining as a canal that portion in St. Pancras known as the Cumberland arm and basin. This is behind the old cavalry barracks in Albany Street and extends from the canal cut to the main Regent's Park section.

An official of the company stated that the surrounding land now belongs to the Crown Commissioners. It is understood to be the ultimate intention to fill in and build over the arm and basin.

The girls, Archduchess Adelaide, 26, and Charlotte, 19, and Elizabeth, 17, play the piano. The younger Archdukes, Charles Louis, 22, and Rudolph, 21, take their brothers on for some golf. Later, there may be dinner with mother in the pleasant dining room that looks out on Royalston's neat little elmshaded common, white-steeped church and country store. Only Archduke Robert is absent, working in the admiralty in London.

Reunion was not always so simple.

After their attempted coup in '21, Zita and Karl were banished to Madeira, while the children remained in Switzerland. When Robert, then 6, was stricken with appendicitis, Zita had to obtain permission to go to his bedside.

Later, when she was allowed to bring the children to Madeira, the joy of reunion was dimmed by Karl's fatal illness. Zita had to do her own cooking, scrub floors, pinch pennies for food.

## The Sequel

The sequel to that story must come to Zita's mind as she watches the young Archduchess Elizabeth stride gaily off in white and red-trimmed sports frock for an afternoon of tennis or boating. Elizabeth never saw her father.

He died at Madeira in April, 1922, and Elizabeth was born just a month later in Spain. The family stayed in Spain until 1929 when they went to Belgium to live for ten years in a castle since destroyed by gunfire. From it they fled before the advancing Germans to America.

All the children speak German, French, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian, Czech and Croatian—schooled at Zita's orders in the many tongues of the old empire,

## JUGOSLAVS FACE FAMINE

The Yugoslavian wheat yield is expected to be dangerously small. Until recently it was hoped that the country's winter needs would be provided for by the harvest, but it is now obvious that this will be impossible without reducing bread consumption.

The normal home requirements are 240,000 truckloads. At the best the harvest may produce 200,000 loads, and the yield may be as low as 180,000. If Germany insists on the full execution of Yugoslavia's commitments under their trade agreement, which is likely, the position will be disastrous.

to which Zita never has despaired of returning.

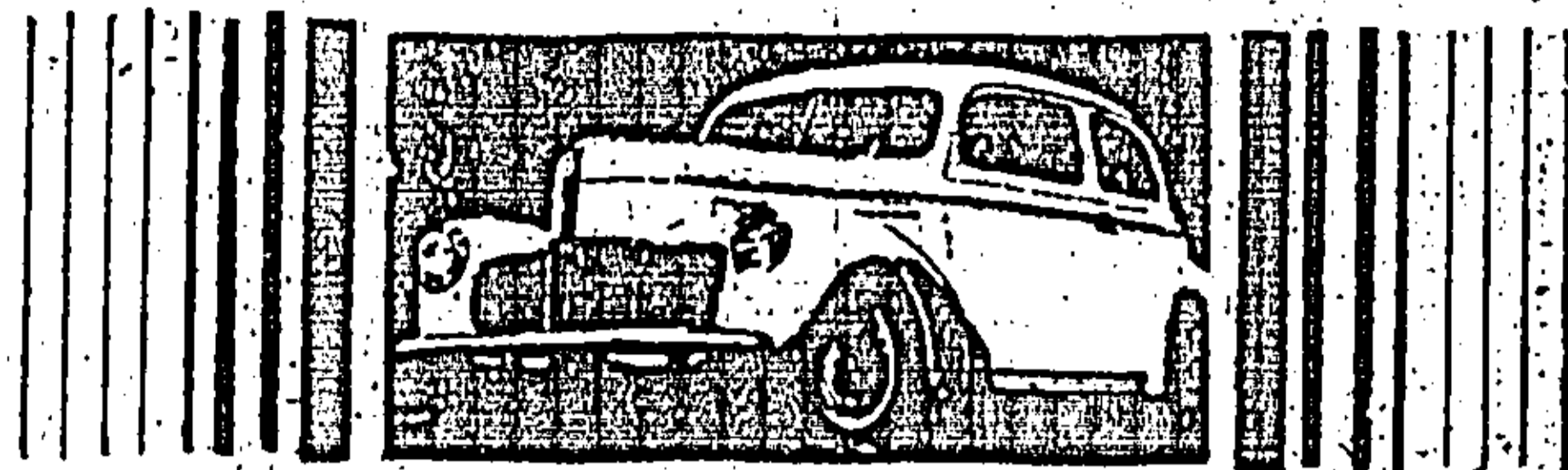
Once in 1935, she neared her objective when the Austrian government returned to the Hapsburgs most of their confiscated property. But Hitler, who now rules Austria, charges Zita with treason for having opposed the Anschluss with the Reich.

In a way, it is ironic that Zita, a refugee, sought haven in Royalston, because the town was named for Isaac Royal, a Tory who fled to England during the American Revolution.

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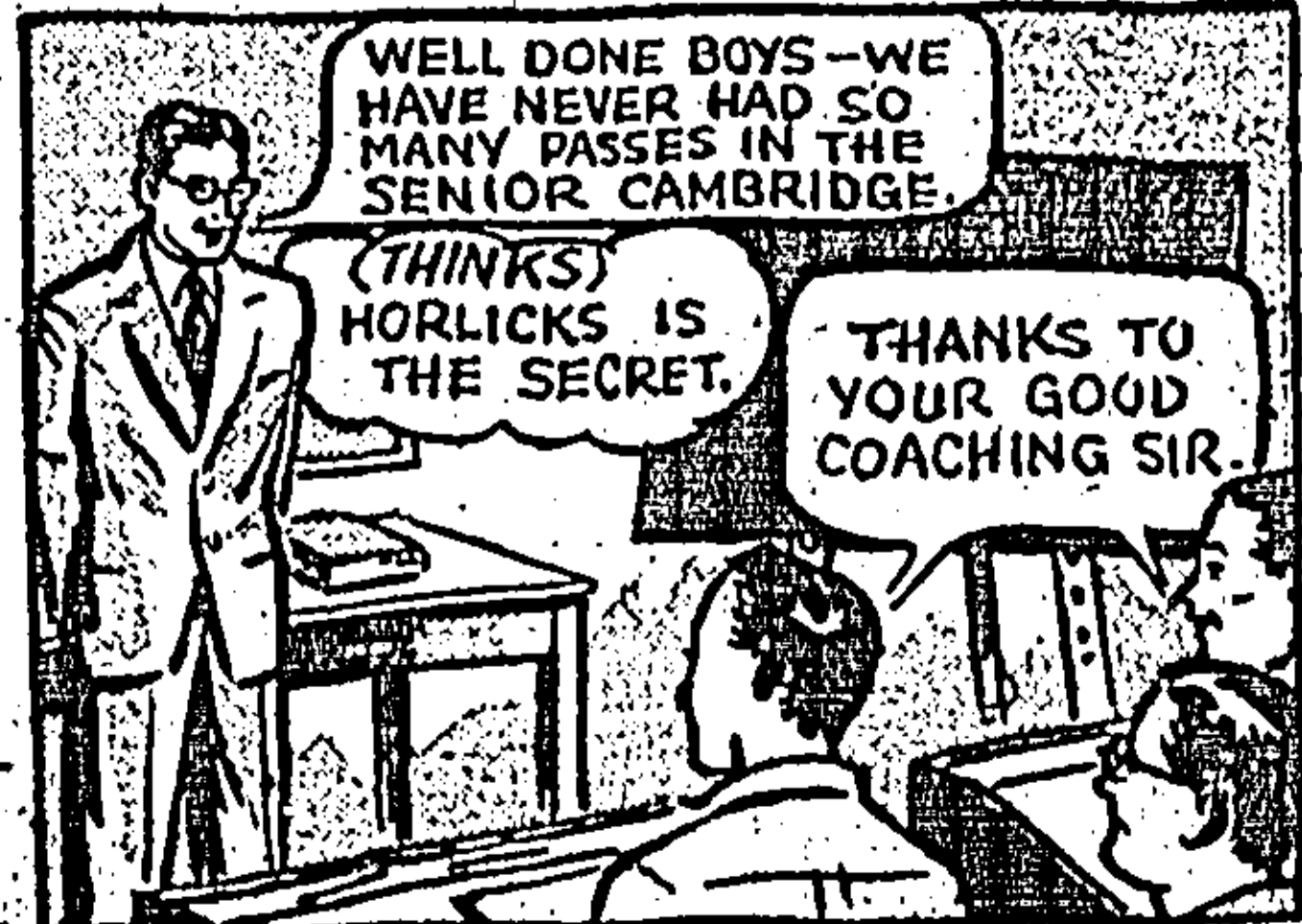
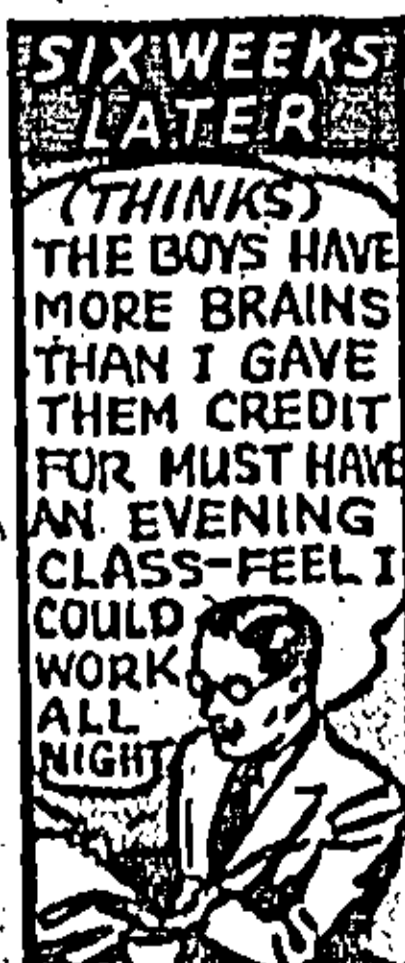
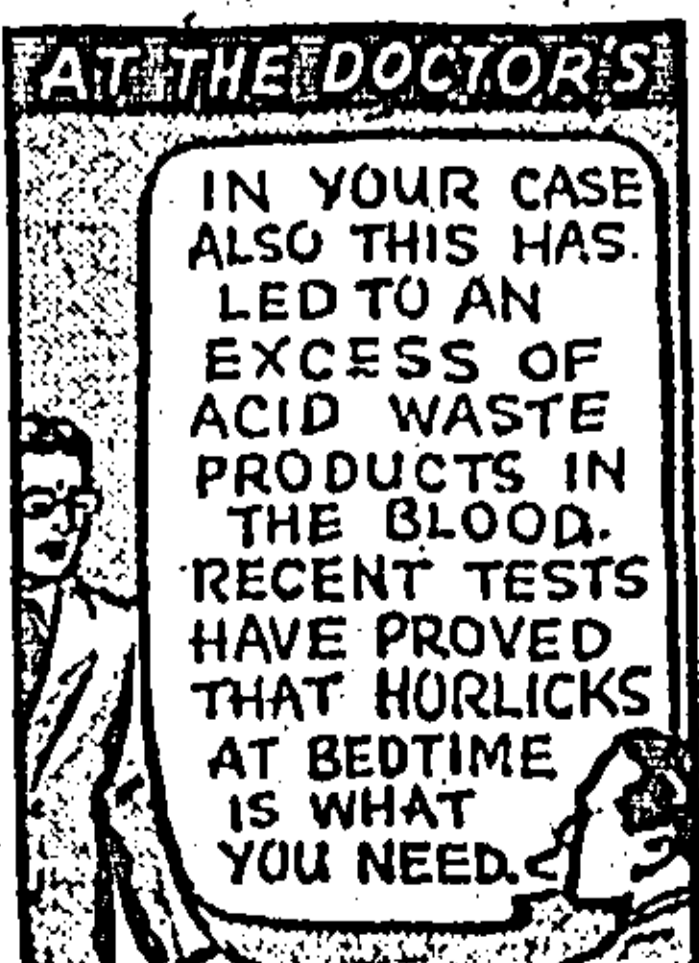
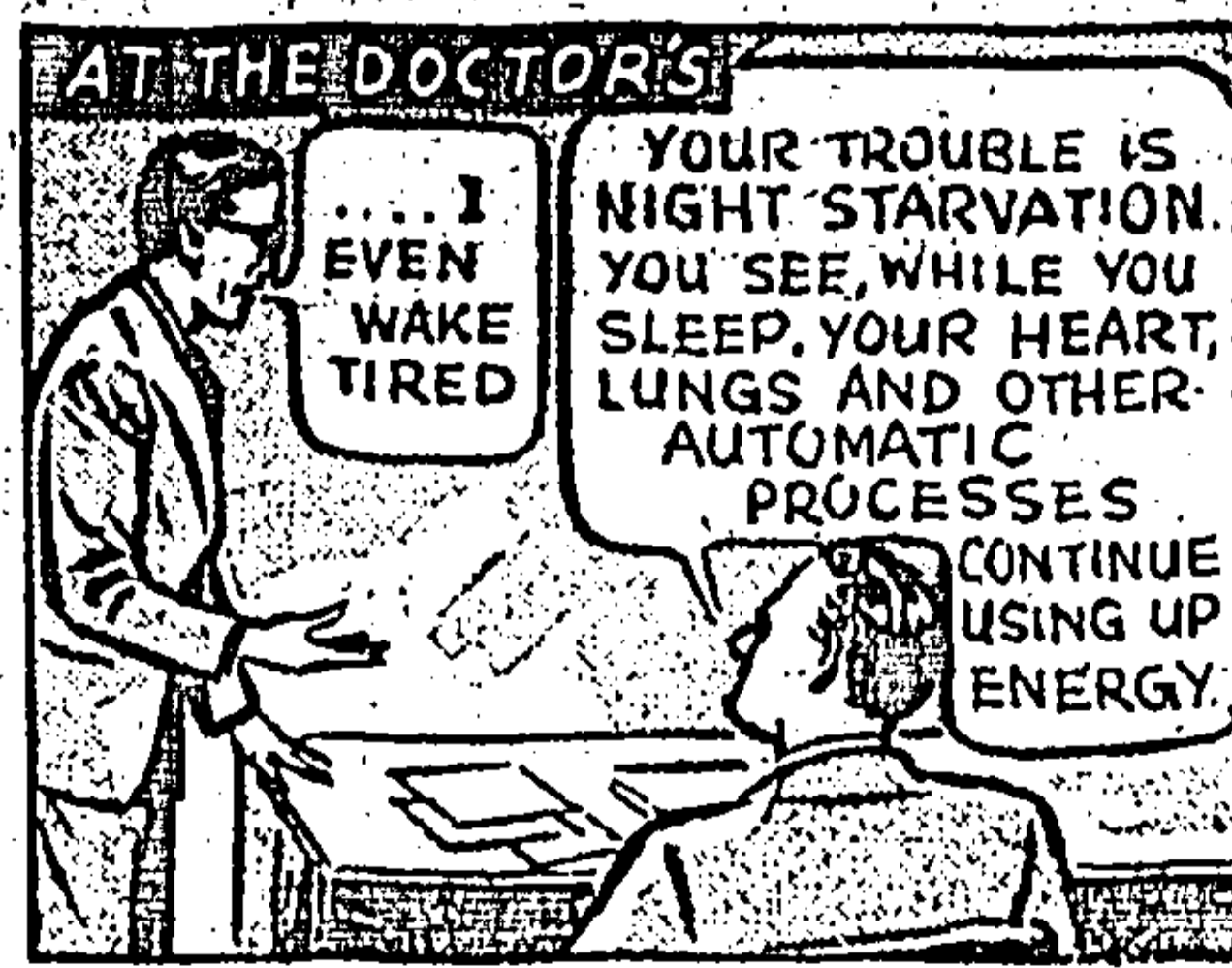
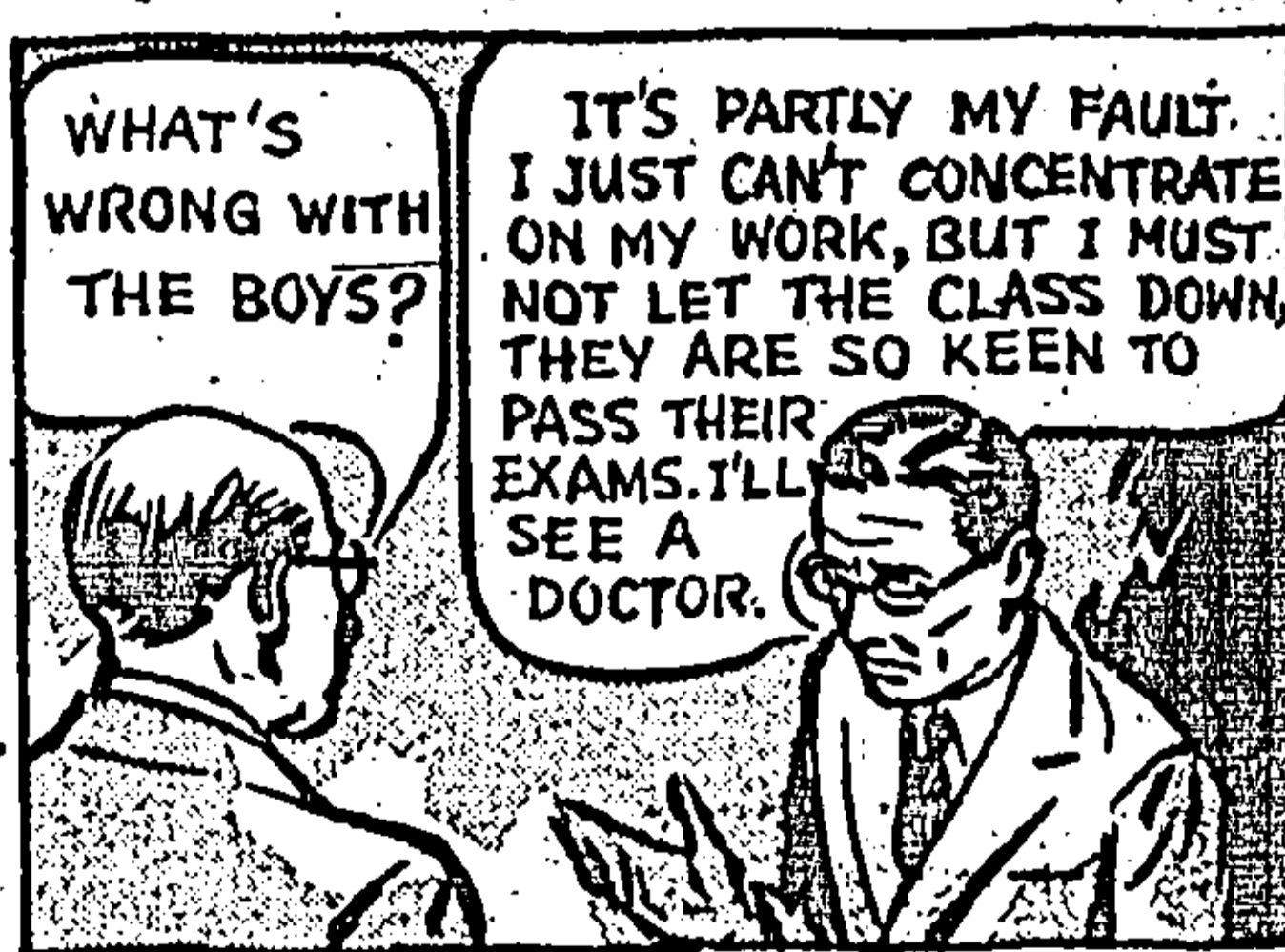
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Hong Kong, 4th October, 1940.

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# BRIDGE NOTES

[The "China Mail" regrets that Contract Bridge articles by the Four Aces have been delayed in the mails, and that the continuity of the feature has, for the first time, been broken. To-day, in substitution, there is an article by Ely Culbertson.]

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: Last night in a duplicate game I was South when the following hand came up:

"North, dealer.  
"East-West vulnerable.  
"Match-point duplicate.

NORTH  
S-A 10 9 4 3  
H-A J 6  
D-Q J 6  
C-A

WEST EAST  
S-Q J 6 S-8 7 2  
H-K 10 9 5 H-7 4 2  
D-8 7 D-A K 9 5 4  
C-Q 9 8 2 C-K 4

SOUTH  
S-K 5  
H-Q 8 3  
D-10 3 2  
C-J 10 6 5 3

"At our table the bidding proceeded:

North East South West  
1 spade 2 d'monds Pass Pass  
Double Pass Pass 2 n'trump  
Pass Pass Pass

"East-West took a bottom on the board, as we set them two tricks. The West player, who is considered one of the local experts, took more than a minute to bid his two no-trump. After the play he asked me: 'Your partner's double was for a take-out, wasn't it?' I answered: 'Yes, it was a take-out double.' As soon as I answered he wrote 'passed out' on the traveling score sheet and called the director. He repeated the above conversation to the director and the latter told us that we would have to accept the neutral score. I could read the director's mind and his sympathy for me, so I did not talk further and left West satisfied.

"When I passed to North's take-out double it seemed to me that it would be better to try to set them than to bid two spades or three clubs. They were vulnerable and we were not. Should I have said, 'It is a take-out double, but I pass for penalties,' when West asked me? Anyway, I learned that I must speak very carefully and must study the bridge laws. I can't understand, however, that it was right to give a neutral score on this board. Please give me the reason and your judgment."

I have deliberately omitted even the initials of the above correspondent because I fear that he will



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be in trouble with his erstwhile opponents and the director when they see my answer.

From time to time instances of outrageous directorial rulings come to my attention and this is a thoroughly typical one. It is perfectly obvious that people are running duplicate games, and sometimes even minor tournaments, who have no licence to be in a bridge club or playing room. Either they know virtually nothing about bridge laws, or their conceit and arrogance are so overwhelming that they take it upon themselves to supersede those laws.

In the case in question my correspondent, South, was not only entirely within his rights in passing to the take-out double made by his partner, but moreover, took precisely the correct action and the one that would be taken by every expert. As almost every bridge player knows [and certainly as duplicate directors should know], a double intended for a takeout can be converted by a pass to the penalty variety any time the supposed responder feels like converting it. No doubt it will come as a shock to this particular director when I say that bridge conventions are made for the guidance and convenience of the pair that uses them, not for the benefit of their opponents; and that said conventions may be abrogated at any time, provided, of course, that no private, secret understanding exists between partners.

It may and may not impress the director in this case to be informed that he took part in a piece of highway robbery. West's claim for a neutral score should have been laughed out of court.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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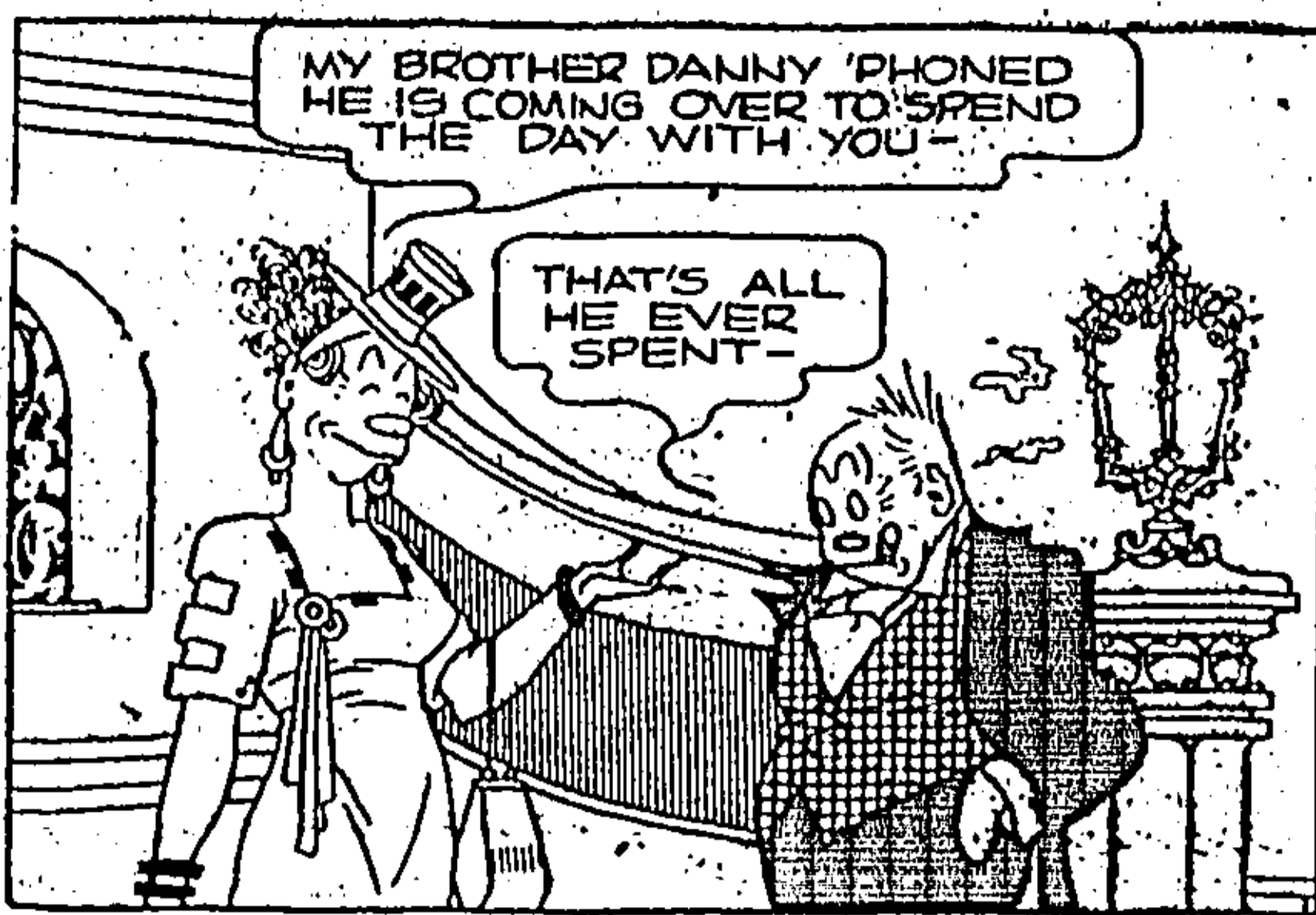
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## Bring In Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Chart Figure Flaws

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Well then, let's take a candid look at You. Strip down to your last garment or (if you are not too modest) stand nude before a full length mirror. For the next few minutes be cruelly candid with yourself—then fill in this rating:

How is your posture? Good or slumped?

Is your tummy flabby and too pronounced?

Have you rubber-tires?

Are your thighs too thick? Too skinny?

Do your breasts sag?

Are your hips too hippy?

Are your legs slim and shapely?

Is your spine too curved at lower back?

How do you carry your head? Erectly or forward?

Do your legs bow?

Are your upper arms too thin?

Too fleshy?

Do you look alive and vital, or sadly droopy?

Are you overweight, or underweight?

Does your flesh look firm and pink?

### Now Then!

We'll forget that you have a head-to-day (other than noticing how you carry it). We talk about the care of skin and hair on other days. To-day it's that figure of yours on which we are concentrating.

Once you have charted your figure flaws, sit down for ten or fifteen minutes and determine what you are going to do about them.

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JUDITH CARRETT

my reducing diet. All diets issued through this column have been okay'd by physicians. So they are safe.



Ann Ruessford wears a dinner-dress made of heavy silk faille. Cut on princess lines with a tremendous skirt flaring from the hip-line the gown is ideal for formal dinners. A jewelled pendant provides an elegant touch. The sleeves are elbow-length with the new high shoulder.

Then try to decide whether one of the competitive outdoor games wouldn't help correct some of the flaws you listed. It's splendid to adopt a game as a hobby for it brings you out into the open air and sunshine, in the company of others, and does wonders in giving you a grand new perspective on life. If you are not too old, adopt one. Women over forty-five may play golf, swim, or ride if they have ridden before. Tennis and badminton may be a bit too strenuous.

If an out-door game is impossible for you, plan daily on a few minutes of exercising at home. Most of us should begin with posture-correcting movements, then go in for more specific corrective movements such as hip reducing, arm developing, midriff firming.



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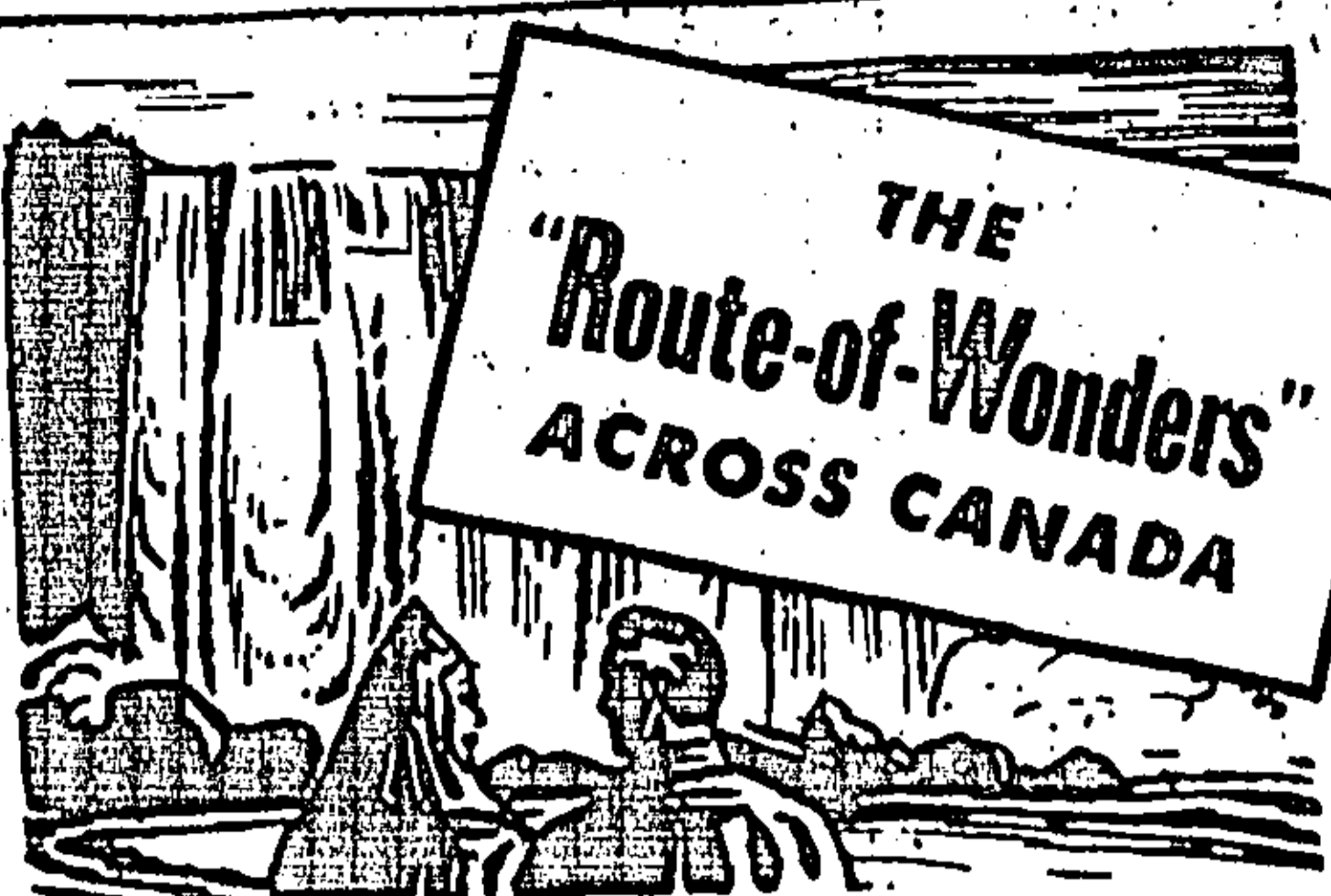
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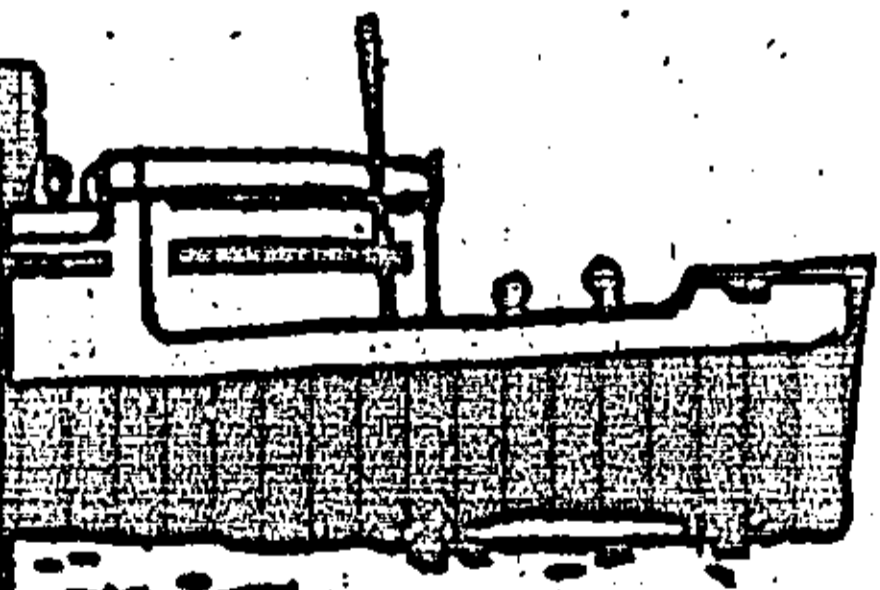
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12.30 p.m.—Tino Rossi (Tenor) and the Orchestre Raymonde.

1.02 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

1.13 p.m.—Nat Gonella and His Georgians.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 104 in D Major ("London"). Edwin Fischer and His Chamber Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

6.32 p.m.—Studio—Short Talk on the Dangers of Berl Berl.

6.35 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talk.

7.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

8.02 p.m.—A Chopin Programme.

Polonaise No. 1 in C Sharp Minor, Op. 26, No. 1....Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

Les Sylphides—Ballet Music....London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Berceuse....Ignaz Friedman (Piano).

Grand Studies: Etude No. 8 in F major; Etude No. 4 in C sharp minor....Klency (Piano).

8.32 p.m.—Marian Anderson (Contralto) and the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream"—Scherzo (Mendelssohn)....Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York.

"Don Carlos" (Verdi): O Don Fatale....Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Orchestra.

Overture "L'italiana in Algeri" (Rossini)....Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

Plaisir D'Amour (Martini)....Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Orch.

L'Apprenti Sorcier (Paul Dukas)....Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

9.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

10.15 p.m.—Variety Programme.

Vesta Victoria—Old Time Medley....Vesta Victoria & Chorus with Orch.

Humorous—Boom....Jack Warner; If A Grey-Haired Lady Shys "How's Yer Father"....Jack Warner and Sonny.

Vocal—Chloe (Song of the Swamp); Stardust (Carmichael)....The Radio Three with Their Rhythmic Escorts.

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Vocal—Oh! Lady Be Good (Gershwin); Bidin' My Time (from 'Girl Crazy')....The Foursome with Instrumental Accomp.

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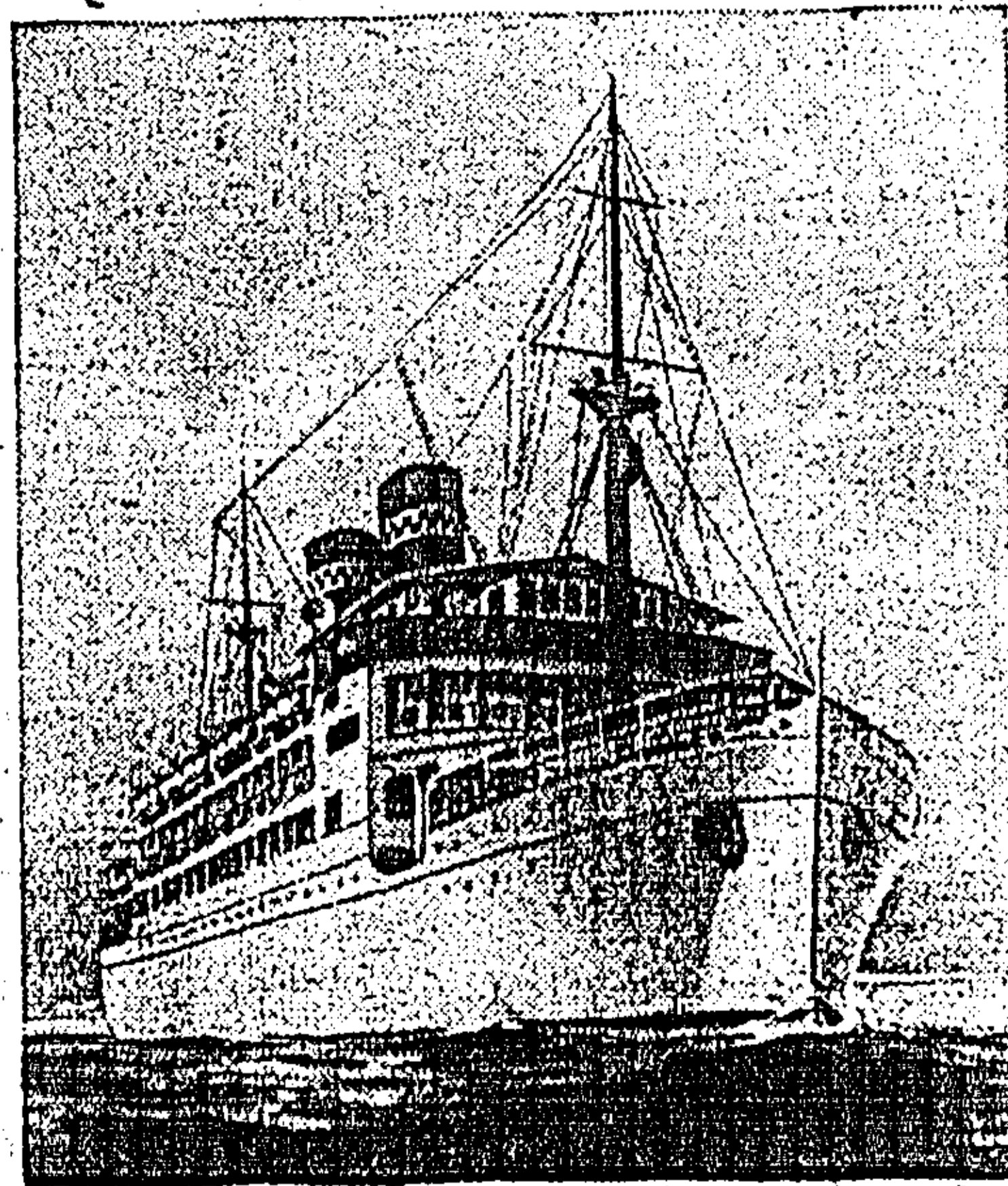
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# Chan Chun-Nam Breaks Four Distance Records In Two Days Establishes High Mark In First Marathon Event

## Chinese Aquatic Championships This Week

By "Natator"

THE OUTSTANDING aquatic achievement during last week was Chan Chun-nam's brilliant swim in the Colony Harbour race, when he lowered the 27-year-old record of 22 min. 26 secs., established by J. C. Finch, and which has withstood challenge annually. Although there was no doubt of the outcome of the race, excitement reached fever pitch towards the finish, when Chan was urged on by his fans to attempt on the record, which was still uncertain up to his last few strokes.

Immediately after this success he competed in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Championships, and broke the National record for the 400 metres free-style. The next night he smashed another long distance record, the 1,500 metres free-style, held also by Yeung Wai-mok of Malaya, established at the National Meet in 1935.

Not content with these achievements, the next day he swam the Harbour marathon, sponsored by the Eastern Athletic Association, and won it in 23 min. 14-3/5 secs., a time which should stand competition for many more years to come.

Under ideal weather conditions, 14 men and five ladies started the Annual Harbour swim, last Friday, held under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club. From the beginning, Chan Chun-nam, Charles Huang, Yau Sai-kwan and Mak Wai-ming broke away from the field, Mak Wai-ming being the first to drop back. For almost 400 yards, Charles Huang doggedly trailed Chan, closely challenging him, but eventually, he, too, had to drop back. Meanwhile, Yau Sai-kwan, who was placed second last year, was slowly creeping up to Huang, who sprinted again, and raced neck to neck with Yau. A side-ache caused Yau to slow down and he finished third. Lau Tai-ping, who was placed last year, disappointingly finished eighth.

The excellent condition of the sea also enabled the ladies to return good times, the times for the first two to finish being under Miss Doris Hunt's record of 28 min 50 secs., established in 1933. Celeste Guterres provided her supporters with a pleasant surprise, by finishing first and beating Miss Lee Po-luen, last year's champion, and hot favourite for this year.

Swimming with an American crawl stroke Miss Guterres led from the start, and although Miss Lee Po-luen, swimming breast-stroke all the way, crept up to her towards the end, she managed to maintain the lead by almost two body lengths.

### An Unfortunate Incident

Miss Lee Po-luen was most unfortunate in that she could not get a free passage way towards the end, when she attempted a sprint to challenge Miss Guterres, for although Miss Guterres is generally recognised as the better swimmer, the finish might have been much closer.

Unintentional obstruction when mid-way, by some swimmers, also contributed much to her defeat. In a race of this nature, in which no definite course can be marked out for each swimmer, the right of way cannot be claimed. This may, however, be open to abuse, but it cannot be helped. It rests entirely upon the sporting spirit of the swimmers, whether a clear way is to be granted or not.

Another factor which must also be taken into account, is that the current flowing at that particular time might throw all the swimmers into a bunch, when each swimmer has to fight for her or himself.

On this particular occasion, it was most unfortunate that the judges returned on the official launch to check up on the finish,

and the swimmers were thus left unsupervised.

### Interesting Events Cancelled At Chinese 'Y'

Owing to insufficient entries for the open medley and free-style relays, the two items of main interest in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Championships had to be cancelled.

Results were fairly good and most of the events were won by members of the Lai Tsun Union.

The most outstanding performance during the Championships, has been Chan Chun-nam's performances in the long distance events of 400 and 1,500 metres, in which he shattered the National records for both events, and although these times were made under different conditions to those at the National Meet they are worthy of mention.

In the 1,500 metres, Chan lowered the mark by over a minute, which would place beyond doubt any questions of his inability to repeat the performance under the same conditions.

In the same Championships, Miss Ko Miu-ling also bettered the National mark for the 50 metres sprint by negotiating the distance in 35-2/5 secs.

During this year, two claims have been made of equalling Miss Yeung Sai-king's time of 36 secs. for the distance, the first being Miss Ko's attempt in the same pool about two months ago, and again by Miss Ho Wai-king during the Chinese Bathing Club Championships.

### Miss Sadick Joins Lai Tsun

Chinese Bathing Club has suffered a severe setback by Miss Lily Sadick's decision to quit swimming under their colours. Miss Sadick, besides holding the Colony backstroke title, is also the holder of the Federation title for that event. For several years she has been representing Chinese Bathing Club, and the reasons for her decision must be very good before she would have decided on this step.

It is also learnt that she has thrown in her lot with the Lai Tsun Union, and she is at present making Chinese Y.M.C.A. Pool her training quarters, where she is practising daily in preparation for the coming Inter-port.

Lai Tsun officials have announced that she will represent their team, as from next year, but that she will be eligible for the Union's championships which will be held early next month.

She participated in the recent

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Championships, winning the back-stroke event from her only other competitor, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan, who will swim second string in the Inter-port. Miss Sadick's withdrawal from C.B.C. will seriously affect their medley relay trio, which includes the free-style champion Miss Ho Wai-man. As Miss Sadick will be hard to replace, their team, which so strongly challenged V.R.C. will be hard hit to bits.

### Eastern's First Championships

During the week-end, Eastern Athletic Association held their first annual championships, and chiefly due to the rough sea at North Point, where the contests were held, good results were not obtained.

The item of chief interest was the Harbour race, open to all Chinese in the Colony. The course of over a mile was a new one, and was never attempted before.

Battling his way through a rough sea, the untiring Chan Chun-nam won this event comfortably from his 27 other men competitors, in 23 mins 14-3/5 secs. to win his third long-distance title in three days.

Differing from his Colony Harbour swim, in which he took a straight course, Chan cut straight towards the shore, and finished along the coast. This strategy proved successful, for many of the swimmers who attempted the direct course found themselves washed too far away from the finishing mark, and had to make a detour.

Yau Sai-kwan kept plugging on behind Chan, but after 10 minutes, appeared to have been caught by the treacherous currents, and could make no headway for almost two minutes. Other swimmers to pass the same spot, also experienced similar difficulties. Kwok Chan-hang finished fourth, swimming breast-stroke all the way.

The Ladies' race, in which there were 10 entries was a much closer affair, as the Misses Ho Wai-man, Woo Man-ying and Cheung Pui-chun were bunched in a group for almost all the way, and right up to a hundred yards away it was still not possible to determine the winner. Miss Ho Wai-man, however, finished in 30 mins. 28-4/5 secs. of swimming, closely followed by Miss Woo Man-ying, only seven seconds later. Miss Lee Po-luen, Chinese long distance champion, did not swim. The 200 metres free-style relay race, open to Chinese clubs, was also interesting, not so much because of the competition offered to Eastern "A" team, which won easily, but for the good time of 1 min. 58-3/5 secs. in which the distance was covered.

Chu Fai-lam of Eastern "A" finished the first lap of 50 metres slightly ahead of Lam Ka-tung of C.B.C., whilst Shek Kam-pui splashed his way through the rough sea, and increased the lead to about five yards. From then on, it was not a question of winning it, in a record time, as Lee Fook-ke and Tommy Kew, their star sprinters, went into the water. Kew finished his last lap of 50 metres in 37-3/5 secs., which is quite good, considering the adverse conditions.

In the individual championships, Kwok Chan-hang, Colony Inter-porter, won the 200 metres breast-stroke event in 3 min. 4 secs.

Starting at a slow pace, he finished with his well-known last lap sprint, and beat his nearest rival, Tso Kam-mun, by almost a body length. Chu Fai-lam, also put up a good show in the 100 metres free-style, when he beat veteran Shek Kam-pui, not far off for the event.

The 50 and 100 metres sprints were most disappointing, as much better times were expected. In the former event, Kew was clocked at 20 secs., whilst Shek Kam-pui could have done better than 69 seconds for the 100 metres. The butterfly stroke, which the Eastern are promoting, was won by Shek Kam-pui, who took 40 seconds to finish 50 metres—a very poor time.

In the ladies' events, Miss Woo Man-ying gave a surprise per-

## "Rapier" Reviews Double Tenth Race Meeting

Favoured by ideal weather conditions, and with the track on the fast side, the "Double Tenth" Race Meeting, which concluded last Thursday, was, in every respect, an outstanding success. In fact, I would go so far as to say that it was undoubtedly the most enjoyable among the extra meetings this year.

Racing on the whole was keenly contested, and the large crowd of spectators had every reason to feel satisfied with the fare provided. A remarkable feature of this meeting can be found in the fact that favourites, with two notable exceptions, asserted themselves, with the result that only one pony paid more than \$20.00 for a win on the pari-mutuel.

Riding honours on Thursday were shared by Messrs. V. V. Needa, P. Y. T. Wei and H. C. Pih, who had two wins each. Mr. Needa started off by running away with the first two races, and it looked as if he was going to perform the "hat trick," but this eluded him when Confusion Bay suffered from a bad start in the "Double Tenth" Plate.

### Hillsboro Bay Wins

In the first race, the Yunnan Handicap (first section), which was contested from the two mile post distance, Hillsboro Bay (Mr. Needa) and Thirty Six (Mr. Hearne) shared the honours in the betting, with the former commanding a little stronger support. The ponies were sent away well together, but it soon became evident that Advancing Time (Mr. Chang) was bent on securing a big lead, which it failed to do, as Thirty Six kept doggedly behind, with Mr. Needa content to keep Hillsboro Bay slightly behind. Shortly before rounding the bend, Thirty Six shot forward to take the lead, and so well was it running that a win seemed indicated, but coming through on the outside Hillsboro Bay made its challenge felt and had no difficulty in winning after passing Thirty Six at the mile post. Advancing Time did well to secure third position, two lengths behind Thirty Six.

### Venus Bay's Success

The second race, the Canberra Plate for Australian ponies of this season, over the mile distance, was a rattling good race to watch. Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) and Cheerful Star (Mr. Hearne) commanded practically all the support between them, with the former in the lead, and they finished accordingly to the order of betting. After some difficulty the starter got the ponies away, and it was seen that

performance, by giving Miss Cheung Pui-chun a good fight in the 100 metre breast-stroke event.

Miss Woo Man-ying is only in her first year of competition, and is under the coaching of Kwok Chan-hang, breast-stroke specialist.

### No Federation Aquatics This Year

The Chinese Aquatic Championships, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, has not obtained many entries up to date, South China and the Chinese Bathing Club being the only two clubs to have sent in entries. In view of this, it is understood that a slight extension time will be given. Heats for the various events will be held at South China to-morrow evening.

The events are all on the lines of the National Meet, and in view of the fact that there is no likelihood of the Federation holding their Championships this year, this contest will be regarded in the light of an all Chinese Championship affair. This competition is run under the joint management of the three major Chinese clubs that withdrew from the Federation early this year.

Venus Bay had got jammed in, but it soon got into its stride, although remaining behind most of the way. Here again, as in the previous race, Mr. Hearne came up strongly on coming down the straight, and Cheerful Star certainly had a good chance of winning, but Venus Bay had plenty in reserve, and, with Mr. Needa timing his last-minute challenge beautifully, it won with a little to spare. Quick Despatch (Mr. Trevorton) took the other minor position.

### Li Stable's Triumph

Then came the main event of the day, the "Double Tenth" Plate, over the distance from the 1 1/2 mile post. Despite its heavy burden of 168 lb. Confusion Bay (Mr. Needa) carried the most money, with Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei) and Dupont Bay (Mr. Sung) following well behind. Hardly had the ponies gone a hundred yards, after the rise of the barrier, than it became evident that the finish was going to be fought out between Distinctive Time, Eve of Heaven (Mr. Black) and Dupont Bay, and they finished in that order.

Confusion Bay did not enjoy a good start, but it is not a fast mover and the pony requires a little longer distance before it can settle down to a race. In this particular instance, it was left well behind, and the finish revolved into a struggle between the ponies named above, all of them carrying only 140 lb.

Coming into the straight, Distinctive Time commanded a slight lead, and, despite the stern challenges which Eve of Heaven and Dupont Bay put up, Mr. Wei ran out the winner. The time clocked was 1.02, which equalled the record for this distance, but this could not be officially recognised as Distinctive Time ran well below weight for inches.

### First Win At Valley

The finish in the fourth race, the Hunan Handicap (first section) over 1 1/4 miles, was really tame. Eve of Hunting winning without being seriously challenged. This pony provided Mr. Craven with his first success in local racing. Pertrush, ridden by Mr. Chang, cracked up a fast pace, so much so that at one time it was leading by well over 10 lengths, but it was overhauled before reaching the Rock. It was at this stage that Eve of Hunting asserted itself, and once it got in front its win was assured. Mr. S. C. Liang tried his best on Phoenix, but to no avail, as Eve of Hunting simply romped home an easy winner, with Clowser (Mr. Chao) taking third place.

### Sapper's Defeat

Anticipations of an epic struggle were not fully justified in the fifth race, the Diamond Bay Handicap, over one mile for "A" Class Australian ponies, which was also the first leg of the Daily Double. Nevertheless, the finish provided quite a thrilling spectacle. It was not surprising to see that Sapper (Mr. Black) commanded the lion's share in the betting, followed by Far View (Mr. Pih), and these two furnished the fighting finish. Hardly had the ponies been lined up together than the barrier was released, and at that moment Lancashire Chibs (Mr. Wei) jumped in front, with Far View also in a good position, but Sapper, unable to get through, had to remain many lengths behind. Be-

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## INTERNATIONAL BOWLS

Following is the draw for the First and Second Round of the International Shield lawn bowls championship:

**First Round**  
China v Philippines  
India v Portugal  
Ireland v Malaya

These matches will be played at the Kowloon F.C. on Sunday, October 20, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

**Second Round**  
England v Wales  
Ireland or Malaya v Switzerland  
Scotland v India or Portugal  
China or Philippines v Australia

These games will be played on Saturday, October 26, at the Craigengower at the same time.

**Semi-finals**  
The semi-finals will be played on Sunday, October 27, on a ground to be decided.

**AITKENHEAD SHIELD**  
Captains for the Aitkenhead Shield match this year will be F. Goodwin (Kowloon) and J. Deakin (Hong Kong). The composition of the two sides will be made up from the following Clubs:

Hong Kong:—C.C.C. (8), C.S.C.C. (7), H.K.F.C. (7), Police (7), Electric (2), Talkoo (4), H.K.C.C. (2), P.O.C. (5), I.R.C. (6).  
Kowloon:—Recreio (12), K.B.G.C. (12), K.C.C. (8), K. Docks (4), K. Tong (4), K.F.C. (8).

## TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following is to-day's programme for the Quarter-Finals of the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship:—

**AT KOWLOON F.C.**  
C. C. Pereira v M. R. Abbas  
W. J. Howard v F. J. Jones

## "RAPIER" REVIEWS DOUBLE TENTH RACE MEETING

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fore going up the incline, Mr. Black sent Sapper forward with a great burst of speed, and this naturally took quite a good deal of energy out of the pony. Lancashire Chips was still leading on coming into the straight, but it was soon passed by Far View; then from the outside came Sapper, but it had to catch up far too much lost ground; and, although it managed to beat Lancashire Chips, Sapper had to admit defeat, though with another few lengths to go the result might very well have been different.

## Easy For Favourite

The sixth race, the Yunnan Handicap (second section) over the two mile post distance, provided a rather tame finish, with Victoria (Mr. Pih) securing its first win so far. On the previous occasion when it started, Victoria was well backed and lost, but in this race punters made pretty well sure that they had their money on the right pony, with the result that it commanded no less than 2,489 tickets for a win. There is nothing much over which one could feel enthusiastic over this race, as once Victoria got in front it went on to win without any opposition whatever. Mr. Nedra tried hard on Galveston Bay, but even then it was actually three lengths behind Blue Gate (Mr. Chao) for third position.

## Mr. Wei's Hard Riding

In comparison, the finish of the seventh race, the Hunan Handicap (second section) over 1 1/4 miles, was quite exciting. Here again the betting public made the right choice, as the ultimate winner carried no less than 2,407 tickets to win. Jack O'Lantern (Mr. Barrow) made the running earlier on, but the result was fought out between Piet Hein (Mr. Wei) and Bressay (Mr. Hearne), with Gold Coin (Mr. Liang) making an unavailing effort. Piet Hein and Bressay were at it hammer and tongs right up to the last 50 yards, but with a supreme effort Mr. Wei got his mount ahead by half a length.

## Belated Start

The last race of the day, the Katoomba Handicap for "C" Class Australian ponies over the two-mile post distance, was good to watch, but the finish did not provide a keen struggle. Had Piccadilly Jim not suffered from a belated start, in which it lost much valuable ground, it would have made the finish more interesting. With several ponies bunched together, it was difficult to see which one was actually leading, but it was noticed that before rounding the bend Shuttlecock (Mr. Hearne) had gone up with a sharp burst. Coming into the straight it was still ahead, and it looked as if it was going to win; but Brown Derby (Mr. Black), coming up on the outside, fought gamely on, and slowly but surely it overhauled Shuttlecock and went on to win by 1 1/2 lengths, with Piccadilly Jim taking third place.

## GOOD R.A.O.C. BATTING

Solid batting by Stonor, Pinder, Reynolds and Jeffery and good bowling by Emberson enabled Royal Army Ordnance Corps to beat Royal Army Pay Corps by 34 runs in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo on Sunday.

Store, Ingleby and Hemming batted well for the "Pay Blokes."

### R.A.O.C.

Ebridge, b Pinkney	3
Meekings, b Ingleby	1
Stonor, c and b Chalcraft	19
Pinder, retired	50
Reynolds, b Pinkney	26
Jeffery, b Pinkney	20
Boocock, not out	9
Extras (W2, LB2, B3)	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>135</b>

Hawkins, Standing, Emberson and Gardner did not bat.

## GOLF RESULTS

In the October qualifying round of the Adamson Cup competition at the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, A.E. Clarke, with a score of 80-11=69, qualified. There were nine entries.

F.D. Hunter (1) won the Bogey (Par) Pool played over the old Course at Fanling on October 10 by 2 up. There were 10 entries.

Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ingleby	9	1	31	1
Pinkney	8	0	49	3
Bedford	3	1	10	0
Chalcraft	5	0	29	1
Smart	1	0	9	0

R.A.P.C.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pendergast, c Bridge, b Emberson	4			
Stone, b Hawkins	34			
Cardon, b Emberson	0			
Adlam, c Boocock, b Emberson	0			
Chalcraft, b Emberson	0			
Ingleby, c Jeffery, b Boocock	27			
Hemming, c Jeffery, b Standing	23			
Pinkney, c Reynolds, b Standing	11			
Bedford, c Pinder, b Reynolds	1			
Smart, not out	0			
Lybe, b Reynolds	1			

Total	O.	M.	R.	W.
Boocock	8	1	38	1
Emberson	5	0	24	4
Hawkins	3	0	25	1
Standing	3	0	11	2
Reynolds	1	0	3	2

## WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the football fixtures for the week-end:—

SATURDAY	First Division
Eastern v Kowloon	(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Middlesex v South China	(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Second Division	
Service Corps v Club	(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)
Middlesex v South China	(Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)
Kowloon v Navy	(Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)
30th R.A. v Kit Chee	(Military, 3.15 p.m.)
Third Division	
20th R.A. v 24th R.A.	(Kowloon, 3.15 p.m.)
36th R.A. v Service Corps	(St. Joseph's, 3.15 p.m.)
Shell v 35th R.A.	(Military, 3.00 p.m.)
R.A.F. v Engineers	(Chatham, 3.15 p.m.)
12th R.A. v Signals	(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)
SUNDAY	First Division
Sing Tao v Navy	(Club, 4.30 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v Police	(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
R. Scots v Kwong Wah	(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Second Division	
Sing Tao v Ordnance	(Club, 3.15 p.m.)
Engineers v Police	(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)

## SOFTBALL LEAGUE DIVISIONS

Following are the allocation of teams in the Softball League which starts on Sunday.

### FIRST DIVISION

Canadian Chinese, Chinese Baseball Club, Cyclones, Filipino Club, Hong Kong Baseball Club, Indian Baseball Club, Recreio "A" and St. Joseph's.

### SECOND DIVISION

Chung Hwa, Central British Association, Cosmopolitans, Liga Portuguesa, Recreio "B", Air Force, Engineers, Royal Scots, South China and Victoria Recreation Club.

Teams in the First Division will play each other twice. All Senior games will be played at Kowloon Football Club and Junior games at the Central British Association ground.

A meeting of the Management Committee of the Softball League will be held to-day at Filipino Club at 6 p.m.

R. Scots	v	Kwong Wah
(Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)		
Third Division		
International v 7th R.A.		
(Chatham Road, 3.15 p.m.)		
A.S.A. v R.A.M.C.		
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# U.S. Seeking Base Facilities In South

## JAPANESE CAUGHT NAPPING

Three batches of Japanese aircraft, totalling 39 machines, raided Eastern Szechuen on Sunday afternoon, bombing Liangshan, to the north-east of Chungking.

Fourteen Japanese aeroplanes are reported to have been destroyed when mobile Chinese artillery, taking the Japanese by surprise, suddenly shelled the Japanese airfield at Ichang on Sunday morning, according to field despatches.—Reuter.

## NORWEGIAN FORCES INSPECTED

A SILK FLAG WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED RECENTLY AS A GIFT FROM NORWEGIAN WOMEN IN ENGLAND ON HIS 68TH BIRTHDAY WAS PRESENTED BY KING HAAKON OF NORWAY TO THE NORWEGIAN FORCES YESTERDAY WHEN HE VISITED THEIR TRAINING CAMP "SOMEWHERE" IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Norwegian troops in Great Britain have already for some time past been taking part in local defence and have been used by the British Army Command for several military operations.

Apart from the Army, there are also Norwegian naval units serving with the British coastal defence and in convoy protection. These were also inspected by King Haakon.—Reuter.

## £250,000 FOR SPITFIRES

The East India Fund in Calcutta has cabled £250,000 to the Air Ministry in London for the

purchase of Spitfires for the Royal Air Force.—Reuter.

THE GRANT OF NAVAL and air base facilities has been discussed between the United States and various South American countries.

This was indicated by Mr. Cordell Hull at his press conference yesterday when answering questions concerning the report of Brazil and Chile had agreed to lease naval and air bases to the United States.

Mr. Hull said that there had been no question of a change of sovereignty and added that discussions were proceeding regarding all phases of hemisphere defence.

Any talk relating to facilities, resources or methods was within the scope of the Havana and Panama Inter-American conferences.

Answering questions concerning reported delays in concluding leases for the air and naval bases recently acquired from Britain, Mr. Cordell Hull said he had heard of no obstruction on the part of anyone concerned.

He added it was his impression that any delays in concluding technical and legal formalities connected with the leases, would not deter the actual construction of the bases.—Reuter.

## U.S. EVACUATION OF HARBIN

American residents in Harbin are preparing for evacuation, says a Japanese report in Tokyo yesterday.

The report adds that the American Consulate-General in Harbin will possibly be closed following the evacuation which would dispose of the bulk of Consular business.—Reuter.

## HOPES OF BETTER FAR EAST SITUATION

On the Stock Exchange in London yesterday, Far Eastern bonds were stronger on hopes of improvement of the international situation.

Gilt-edged securities were mainly higher while home industrials were narrowly irregular. Gold minings were quietly steady and elsewhere changes were few. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

## TOBRUK BOMBED ONCE MORE

Bombing raids were carried out on Tobruk once again on the night of Saturday/Sunday, states a Cairo message.

Bombs fell in the target area, but it was impossible to ascertain the full extent of the damage.—Reuter.

## PEIPING LEAFLET "RAID"

Exemplifying the way German propaganda is encouraged in Peiping, Chinese handbills were dropped on Saturday from, presumably, Japanese planes, with a lurid picture headed: GERMAN PLANES BOMB ENGLISH CAPITAL.

The picture shows a highly imaginative Tower of London in flames, the sky full of German planes and the river full of sinking boats.

The text at the bottom reads: Several thousand German planes bomb Britain. Sections very severely bombed and burnt an essential part of London.

Doubtless pointing to the picture's moral, the text adds that foreign assistance to Chiang Kai-shek is now failing.—Reuter.

## NAZI TRADE AGREEMENT

A TRADE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN SOFIA YESTERDAY BETWEEN BULGARIAN AND GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES.

The agreement will run until next April. A supplementary agreement covers the German occupied countries, Poland, Holland, Norway and Belgium.

In future, all payments between these countries and Bulgaria will be settled through Berlin with German marks.—Reuter.

## DE BONO'S TOUR IN SPAIN

Marshal De Bono, who is visiting Spain, went to Seville on Sunday and was supposed to have gone to Granada yesterday. He is returning to Italy about the middle of the week.—Reuter.

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## STOP PRESS

The Hong Kong/Bangkok air mail services have again been suspended owing to the situation in Indo-China. It is hoped, however, to recommence operations in about a fortnight's time.

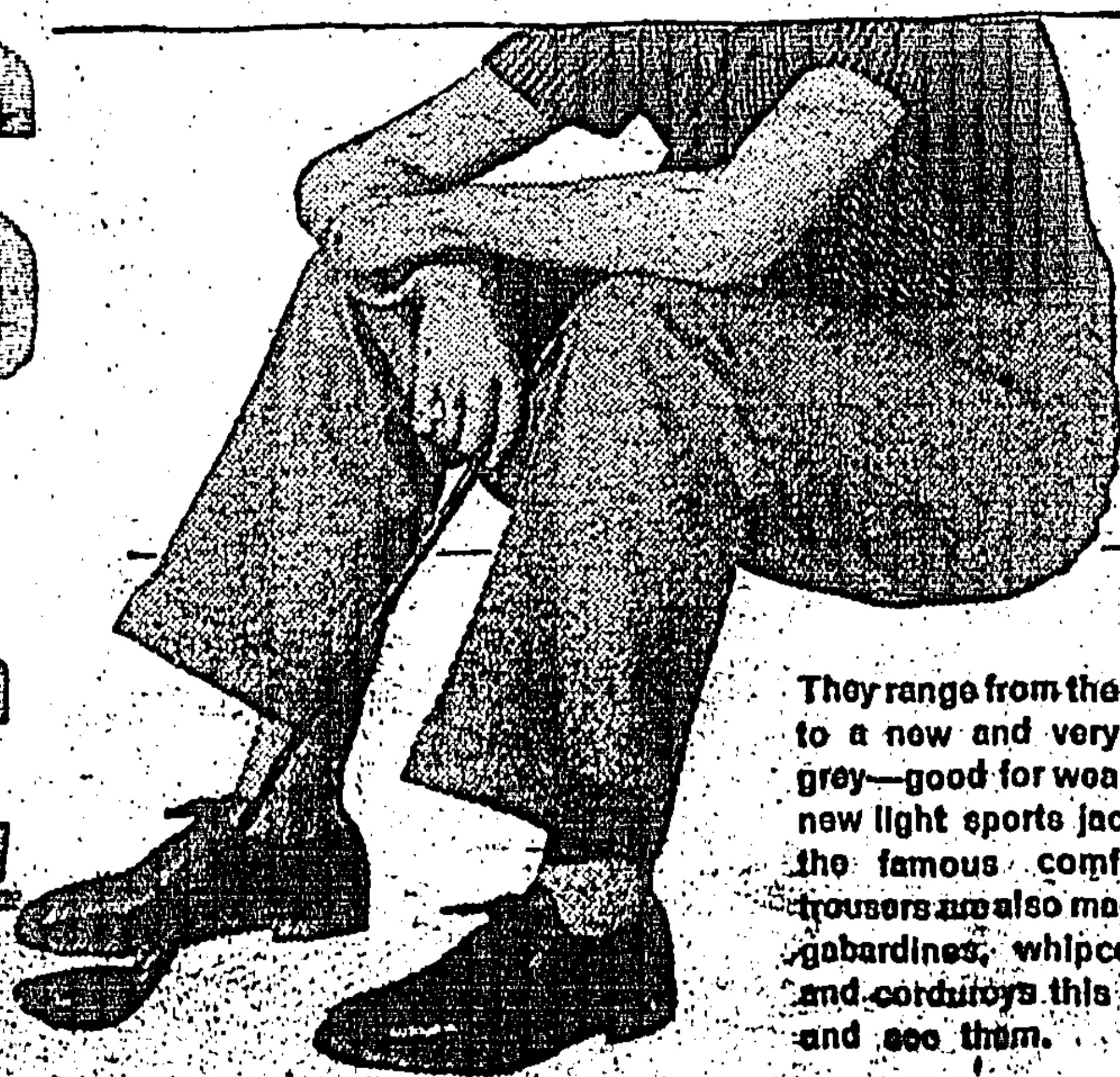
A report in the "Industrial and Commercial Press" this morning, stated that the Japanese troops in the Shum-chun and Nam Tau areas are to be withdrawn on October 17, to be replaced with "puppet" forces.

The military authorities told the "China Mail" that they had received no such information.

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## APAEASEMENT BY U.S. 'OUT'

### Japan To Be Treated As Member Of Axis Stiffened Attitude Not A Stunt

IF ANYONE IN THE FAR EAST SHOULD THINK THAT THE STIFFENING OF THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS JAPAN IS AN "ELECTION STUNT," THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE SURPRISED, ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED WASHINGTON CIRCLES, FOR IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE PRESENT FIRMNESS WILL INCREASE RATHER THAN DIMINISH AFTER NOVEMBER 5 - "ELECTION DAY."

#### HEAVY RAID ON LONDON LAST NIGHT

Within one hour of the night alert, there was an almost continuous drone of aircraft over London.

Searchlights in both the outer and inner defences added to raiders' difficulties.

While searchlights probed the skies, guns poured shells along the courses of the German bombers.

Incendiary bombs dropped in various parts of the capital caused some outbreaks of fire which were dealt with immediately.

President Roosevelt's speech at Dayton, Ohio, is interpreted everywhere by the press as a clear statement that appeasement is "out," and America recognises the danger of the aggressor nations being allowed to pick off the others one by one.

Japan, having aligned herself officially with the European aggressors, must be prepared to face the same policy from the United States as her Axis friends.

Reports from Tokyo that the dispatch of liners to take off Americans in the Orient has caused consternation in the Tokyo press, leave official Washington circles unmoved, because obviously there is no bluff behind American policy.

That Japan must attempt some stepping backward seems

clear to Far Eastern circles in Washington, for, it is believed, Japan's fundamental policy must be never to get into war with America, a war which must be suicidal for a country so dependent on imports for essential raw materials.

No one believes Japan is likely to make any move either against America or Britain now that London and Washington obviously present a solid though informal Anglo-American front in the Far East.

#### CHANGE OF TUNE

Newspaper commentators point out that American firmness produced a change of tune in Tokyo within 24 hours.

Comment made in Washington is typical.

"Yakichiro Suma, who has been breathing threats of war, suddenly began to coo for peace and amity, while Matsuoka, who boasted 'The Axis Pact means we must fight to maintain the status quo' in the Pacific, hastily explained that the pact is not aimed at this country after all."

It is feared, however, that Japanese militarists, fearful of taking action against Britain or the United States, will vent their wrath on Indo-China and completely occupy that country, where, it is reported, morale is completely broken and no resistance is likely.

Indo-China, it is understood, did appeal to the United States for aid some while ago, but vacillations followed, and with the best will in the world, American aid can hardly be forthcoming for a country which refuses to help itself. — Reuter.

#### BIAS BAY!?

Japanese warships have tried, and failed, to land parties of troops in Bias Bay, according to a Moscow radio newscast.

Even the use of aircraft and artillery failed to help the Japanese gain a footing. — Reuter.

#### AIR MAIL SERVICE SUSPENDED

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#### AIR RAID RESCUE DRAMA

DURING THE COURSE OF SUNDAY NIGHT'S RAIDS ON LONDON, A DOCTOR WAS SUSPENDED BY HIS HEELS FROM A CRANE WHICH LOWERED HIM DOWN INTO A BOMB-CRATER BESIDE A WRECKED HOUSE.

At the bottom of the hole lay a man, only his head protruding from the wreckage.

He was given a shot of morphia in the neck and later removed to hospital. He is expected to live. — Reuter.

#### RAIDS ON OIL WELLS EXPECTED

Developments in Rumania and the Middle East are being watched with close attention in Madrid. The Spaniards often express the view that unless the Axis Powers can quickly and successfully carry out an attack upon Egypt, the occupation of Rumania will be to Germany's disadvantage.

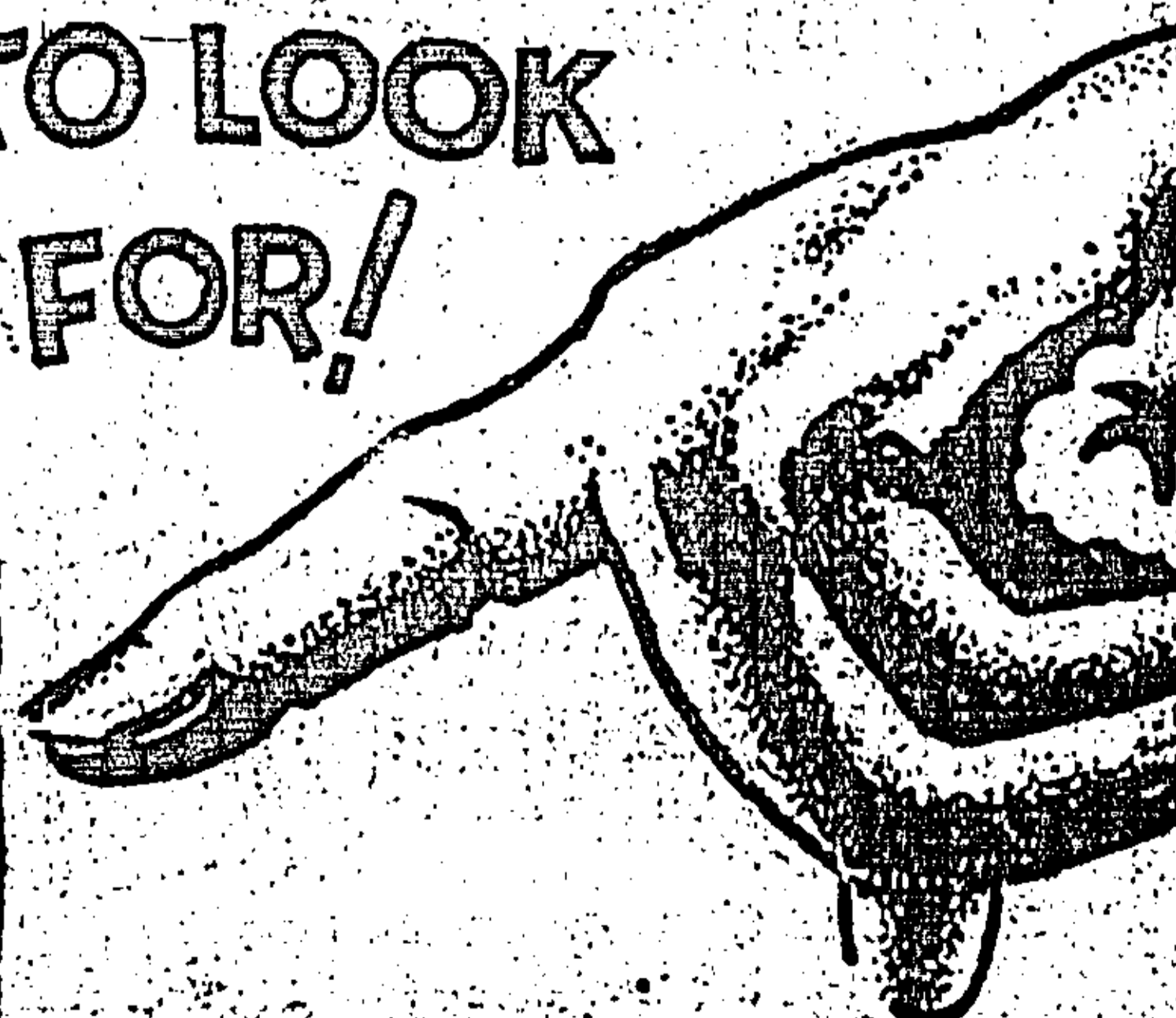
This view is based on the belief that Britain will lose no time in bombing the Rumanian oil wells.

Rumania is openly referred to in the newspaper "Hoja Oficial Del Lunes" as a "collaborator with the Axis." — Reuter.

#### CHINESE OFFICIALS RECALLED

It is learned from a reliable source that a group of high Chinese officials, including Mr. Hsu Shih-yiu and Dr. Lou Kown left for Chungking last night by plane. They were recalled by the Generalissimo.

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## HUGE GERMAN BOMBER IN DEATH DIVE

A LARGE FOUR-ENGINED German bomber was shot down on open ground on the outskirts of London yesterday.

According to a reliable report, anti-aircraft batteries opened fire when the plane was flying over a suburb at over 5,000 feet. The plane went into a spin dropping bombs as it dived.

A German bomber appeared over another suburb but was driven off by anti-aircraft fire.

During the morning a small force of bombers was observed flying singly in the direction of London.

In one district, very heavy firing was heard when the raiders appeared overhead.

An East Anglian coast town had five bombs yesterday afternoon, damaging houses and inflicting a few casualties. This raid lasted only 10 seconds. — Reuter.

#### Minor Scale Raids

German activity over Britain was on a comparatively small scale yesterday, being confined to a series of attacks by single aircraft which dropped a few bombs at a number of points in the south of England and the Midlands.

According to an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique reports up to 4 p.m. indicate that casualties were few, but a small number of persons had been killed. Some houses and shops were damaged in a Kentish town. Elsewhere damage has been slight. — Reuter.

# Soviet Holding Firm To Molotov Neutrality Theme

## GERMAN NAVAL BASE ON BLACK SEA?

A German Naval Mission is expected in Bucharest to-day, presumably in connection with the construction of a naval base near Constanza.

According to German circles in Bucharest, there will shortly be ten German divisions in Rumania. — Reuter.

## CARGO VANISHES

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF 20 CASES OF MOTOR-CAR ACCESSORIES FROM A SHIP SAILING BETWEEN HAIPHONG AND HONG KONG WAS REPORTED LAST NIGHT TO THE POLICE BY MR. T. P. LEE, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SHANGHAI BRANCH OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY.

Mr. Lee stated that the 20 cases were shipped from Hong Kong to Haiphong on September 21, but for certain reasons, the goods were re-shipped to Hong Kong. The ship arrived in harbour on Friday but the cases were not on board. The goods were valued at \$4,000.

## Reticent On Events In Balkans

THAT NEUTRALITY remains the cornerstone of Soviet policy, as has so often been asserted by M. Molotov, is again affirmed by the Moscow Press.

The reiteration is made in the course of editorial comment upon the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance, and all the leading organs follow the same lines, indicating official inspiration.

It is noteworthy that "Pravda" the other day devoted three columns to a review of the Soviet edition of Bismarck's Memoirs and referred to his insistence that there were no historical contradictions between Russia and Prussia.

In regard to Soviet-Japanese relations, both Molotov and Matsukava have expressed a desire to bring about an improvement.

### Balkans Reticence

There remains the question of the Balkans. Official spokesmen, in their talks with the Press, have been reticent about recent developments there, confining themselves to reiteration of the New York despatch stating that German troops have arrived in Rumania.

The Soviet is, however, interested in the Balkans and especially the Danube, as shown by the Note of September 10 in which the Soviet Government drew the attention of Germany to the fact that the Soviet Union was not indifferent to alterations in the Danube international navigation regulations. President Roosevelt's speech at Daytona is published in the Moscow Press without comment. — Reuter.

## NAZI TROOP MOVEMENT RUMOURS

Reports that German troops are being sent to Bulgaria are denied in an inspired statement issued by the German News Agency last night.

These reports are attributed to British propaganda whose tendency is to disturb peace, spread disquiet and cause sabotage in South-East Europe.

The statement also denies that any negotiations on the subject are proceeding between Germany and Bulgaria. — Reuter.

## ABYSSINIA AERODROME BOMBED

THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE ADMINISTERED A SEVERE POUNDING TO THE YAVELLO AERODROME IN ABYSSINIA ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

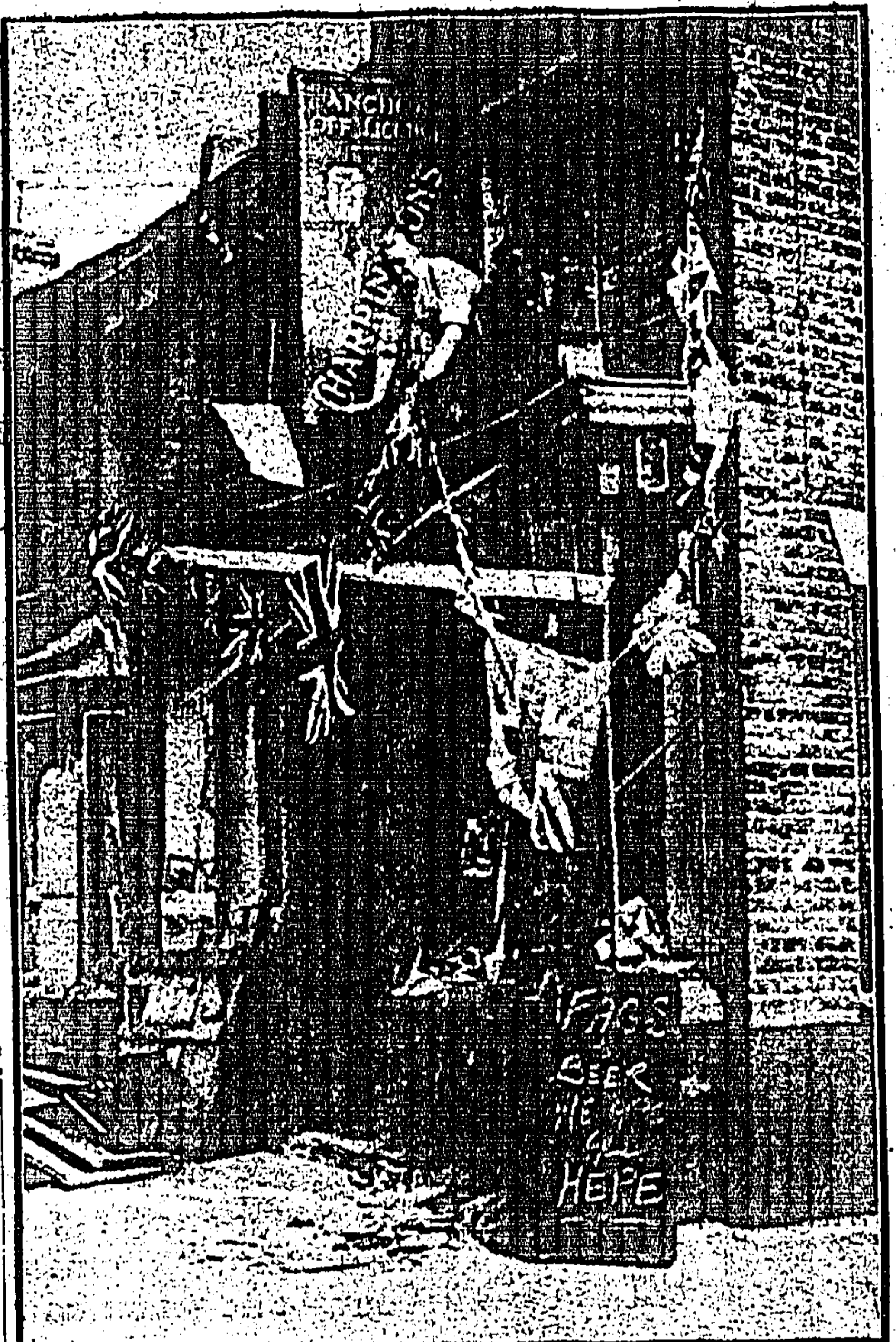
A Cairo communique states that heavy and incendiary bombs fell among the hangars and aerodrome buildings and a machine-gun post was quickly silenced.

Other South African aircraft made numerous reconnaissances over enemy territory on Saturday and Sunday. All machines returned safely. — Reuter.

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LONDON BOMBED — In the South-western suburbs of London, showing an off-licence shop proprietor who is carrying on as usual since his business premises were wrecked. (Copyright, Fox).

## HITLER HAS MET WITH MAJOR DEFEAT

— AND NOT WITH GENERAL BLUFF

THE IMPORTANCE of the "Battle for Britain" as a setback for German plans, was emphasised by Major George Fielding Eliot, the United States air expert, broadcasting from Philadelphia, when he said,

"While immediate attention is now centred on the confused events in the Balkan Peninsula, the very fact that Germany is now proceeding in the scene of South-East Europe raises the question whether the Battle for Britain is being abandoned by Germany — whether the issue is not a clear-cut victory for the British and particularly for the R.A.F.

"The evidence seems to many minds quite clear—that in this Battle for Britain, Hitler has at last met with a major defeat.

"For the first time, he has had to turn back from a venture upon which he had set forth with every prospect of success. For the first time he has made boasts and announced intentions which he has been unable to make good.

"Naturally every effort will be made by the Germans to distract the attention of the world and the American people from this tremendous fact.

"The failure of the Germans to achieve air superiority over Britain made the invasion of that island a hopeless project. The Axis is now compelled to recast the whole plan of the war and no man would now be bold enough to say what the result will be.

"A long war has been precisely the sort of war that neither Ger-

many nor Italy was prepared to fight. As far as the war in the air is concerned, the German mass production plan has failed." — British Wireless.

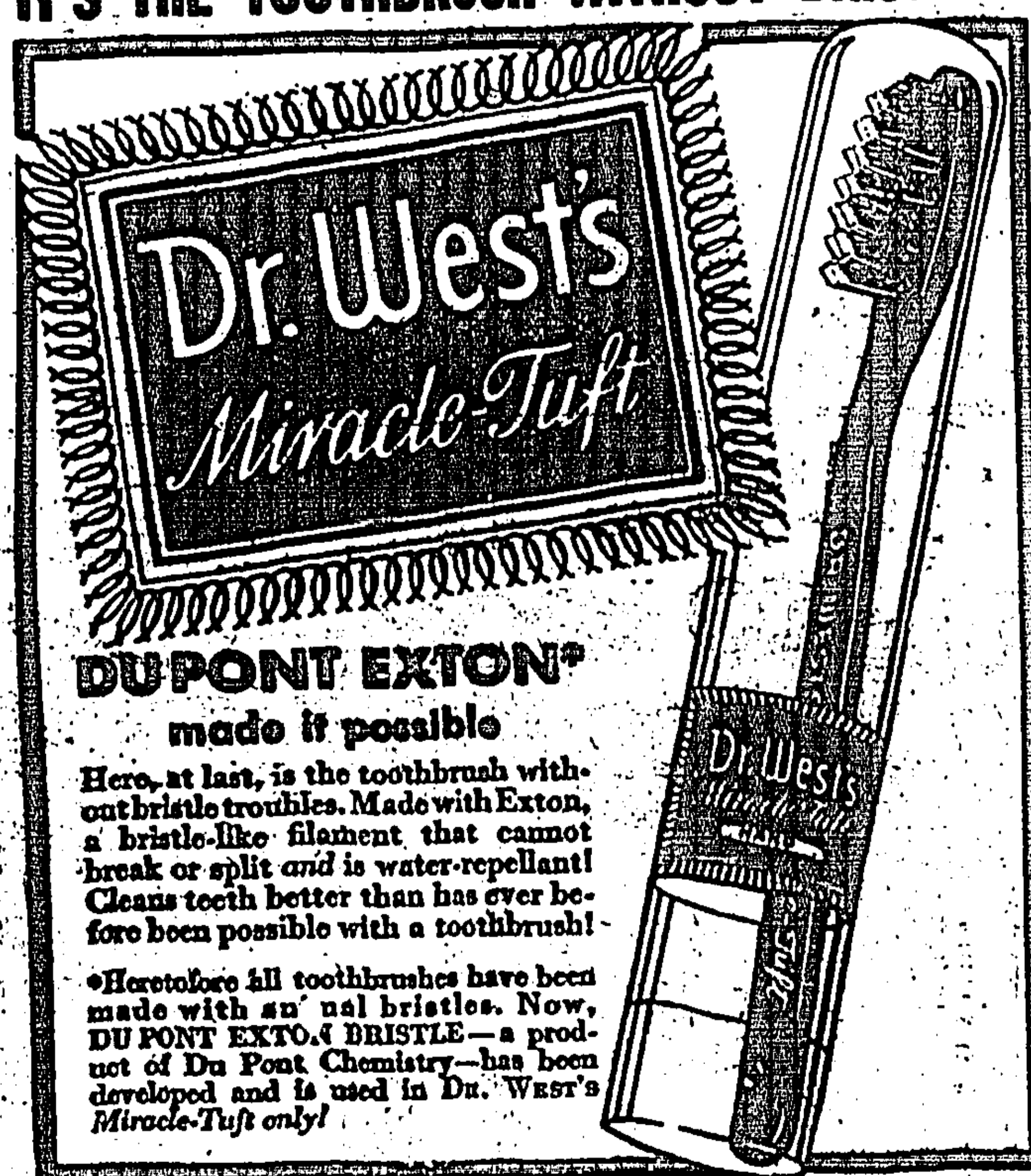
## GERMANS IN LIBYA

NAZI CIRCLES IN BERLIN NOW ADMIT THE PRESENCE OF GERMAN SOLDIERS WITH THE ITALIAN TROOPS IN NORTH AFRICA, AND CLAIM THAT THEY ARE "SHOCK TROOPS."

The number of men is not revealed, but they are said to form an experimental corps to gain knowledge which will guide the future use of German troops in the tropics. — Reuter.

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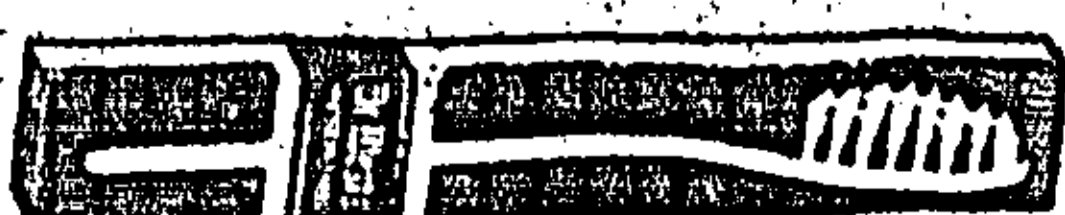
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# MASSSES OF GERMAN TROOPS PASS BUDAPEST

## "Dagger Deep Into Flank Of Soviet"

IT IS BELIEVED in unofficial circles in Budapest that the German occupation of Rumania will be considerably extended this week.

Columns of German troops en route to Rumania passed the outskirts of Budapest at the week-end.

### OFFICIAL AIR LOSSES

While official R.A.F. figures show that 855 British machines have been lost since July 1, with 354 pilots safe, German propagandists are finding some difficulty in deciding the particular high figure they themselves shall announce in reply.

A Deutschlandsender broadcast in the German home programme, relying on "well informed German sources," claims 3,950 British machines destroyed, while simultaneously a German talk in Portuguese, giving as its own special source, "German High Command Communique figures" gives a total of just over 2,000 planes.

Probably the Germans are confused in their reckoning by the fact that they themselves have actually lost 2,612 machines brought down by British fighters in the same period.—British Wireless.

### JAPANESE ROB JUNK

HOW THEIR JUNK WAS DESTROYED BY A JAPANESE MOTOR-BOAT AND LATER RECOVERED WAS DESCRIBED IN A REPORT TO THE POLICE LAST NIGHT BY CHEUNG KAM-HO, STEERSMAN OF TRADING JUNK NO. T2362H.

The junk with a crew of seven, 30 bags of beans and 60 bags of salt, left Tai-O for Man King Shan (Chinese Territory) on October 5.

At midday the following day, four miles west of Lin Tin Island, they were stopped by a Japanese motor-boat which had "82" painted on its side.

The junk was towed to a Japanese warship alongside which the night was passed. On October 7 it was towed away by the motor-boat to a trawler, to which the cargo was transferred.

The Japanese sailors then cut away the masts and sails and allowed the junk to return to Hong Kong.

### POLICE AND SERVICE AUTHORITIES

A protest against the alleged lack of co-operation by the Service authorities in police inquiries into the theft of Government food stores was made at Cambridge Police-court by Insp. Lilley on behalf of the Chief Constable, Mr. R. J. Pearson. The Inspector stated that two members of the R.A.S.C. had failed to appear as witnesses, although their commanding officer had been informed their evidence would be needed. The mayor, Councillor W. J. Wing, said the matter would be reported to the War Office.

The case concerned £35 worth of stores. Ldg. A/C. Kenneth Walter Barr, 23, ration storekeeper, was bound over, and Charles Green, 30, a civilian messing clerk employed by the R.A.F., was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for theft. On a receiving charge William Arthur Plumb, 60, of Stamford Street, Cambridge, was sentenced to six months, and Christopher Almeric Townsend, 28, of Norfolk Street, Cambridge, to one month.

The equivocal attitude by Germany towards Hungary is considered to be indicated by the disappointment of Hungarian hopes that the remainder of Transylvania would be added to the areas already ceded by Rumania at the Axis dictation.

Harshness of the terms of the commercial agreement just concluded between Germany and Hungary has also startled the Hungarians.

This agreement is believed to settle the scale of Hungarian exports to Germany for the next three years.—Reuter.

### 70 Britons Leave

Forty members of the British colony in Bucharest and 30 members of the British Legation in Rumania left yesterday by train for Istanbul.

The British Minister is still in Bucharest.

Another 3,000 German troops arrived at Galatz on Sunday night. Most of them are men connected with anti-aircraft units.

The total number of German troops now in Rumania is estimated to be around 30,000. As is to be expected, the Berlin press is full of jubilation over how once again Germany "re-established" a British move to seize control of Rumania.

### Italians Also

In addition to the German troops building a base at the Rumanian port of Mamaia, it is now reported that Italian engineers are expected shortly at Constanza to begin the construction of a seaplane base.

### Soviet Interested

Commenting on the German putsch into Rumania, the Turkish newspaper "Tam" says that most important factor to prevent the Germans from even dreaming of a route to the south-east through Anatolia is the presence of invincible Turkish forces on the frontier.

The paper also suggests that Soviet Russia will not allow the Dardanelles to pass into other hands.

A Bucharest report says that Soviet Russia is "taking precautionary measures" in Bessarabia and northern Bukovina.

### Serious View Taken In Turkey

"The Axis Powers have begun a large-scale movement, the ends of which are still unknown, but the first phase of which has been devoted to placing a barrier between Russia and the field of events."

This is the comment of the Istanbul newspaper "Yenisabah," which adds:

"By the occupation of Rumania, Germany has reached the Black Sea and has pushed herself like a dagger into the flank of the Soviet Union."

"From that fact one may deduce that the Axis contemplates raising questions in which the Soviet Union is very closely interested."

"It is evident that these questions can only be the Balkans, Istanbul, and the Straits.—Reuter.

### GERMAN RULE IN PARIS

A description of life in Paris under the German occupation has been given by a distinguished Portuguese woman resident in the French capital. She has just arrived in Lisbon, the German Commandant having permitted her, as a neutral, to return to her home.

The Germans, she said, carried out the occupation of Paris with their usual thoroughness. Their troops had bivouacked in the Bois de Boulogne during the night, but they did not look in the least like troops who had been fighting.

### Road Signs In German

Once the Germans had installed themselves order prevailed in the streets. Traffic control was established and road signs in German were put everywhere.

The Germans seemed to have a complete list of every Parisian resident of note, particularly of Jews. German officers immediately took over the homes of all wealthy Jews and installed themselves in luxury. The next thing they did was to re-open all the fashionable bars and restaurants. Café terraces, the Champs Elysees, and boulevards, such as the Rue Royale were densely packed with German officers.

They brought their wives and families from Germany, and the big department stores were soon crowded with officers and their wives buying articles of all kinds. The German women were particularly eager to purchase Parisian lingerie and underwear.

### Press Campaign

The sinking by Britain of French warships to prevent them from falling into enemy hands was exploited to the utmost by the German-controlled newspapers. The "Matin," "Paris-Soir" and other newspapers were compelled to launch a violent Anglophobe campaign, and this is continuing. It had a profound effect on the masses at first, but thoughtful people were not deceived, though they had to pretend they were.

"I heard many remarks from Germans in Paris," she said, "about what they called the ruthless bombings of Hamburg, the Ruhr, and other places in Germany. These seemed to have produced a deep effect, particularly among German soldiers hailing from those parts."

### "FOR THE CHILDREN"

PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SENT TO CANADA UNDER THE CHILDREN OVERSEAS RECEPTION BOARD SCHEME ARE TO BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY OF SPEAKING DIRECT TO GIRLS AND BOYS IN THE DOMINION.

Princess Elizabeth's message, inaugurated at the week-end a new weekly programme in the B.B.C. North American service called "For The Children."

In part of this programme each week, children from every part of Britain will be given a chance of hearing their parents' voices and it is hoped to be possible to let the children know in advance that some-one from their own district will be speaking to them in the next week's programme.—British Wireless.

### LONDON AFTER SIX WEEKS

In a despatch to his paper, the London correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Stockholms Tidning" says that after six weeks of attack from the air, London has been so little damaged that it still remains the centre of the Empire war effort.

Destruction to residences and factories is less than one per cent. He is, he reports, more than ever convinced that bombing from the air cannot decide a war unless the opposing defences completely break down—which is not the case with London.

Leaving out the more heavily bombed parts of the East End of London, it is possible to take a quarter of an hour's bus ride in almost any direction without seeing anything more than some broken glass and craters in the road.—Reuter.

### KENYA WOMEN'S UNIT IN ENGLAND

In the quadrangle of the Colonial Office yesterday afternoon, Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, inspected the Kenya unit of the Mechanised Transport Corps, numbering about sixty women in khaki uniforms, on some of which were to be seen decorations for service in the last war.—British Wireless.

### PROPERTY INSURANCE IN BRITAIN

Great interest is taken in London in the expected publication this week of the Property Insurance Bill, which follows Mr. Churchill's recent statement that "everyone should be assured that compensation for loss of home or place of business will be paid to him in one form or another at the end of the war, if not sooner, and where necessity arises in the intervening period, means of carrying on will not be withheld."

The weekly press warmly welcomed the announcement, "Economist" saying the decision to allow insurance against risks to property is a very welcome change of mind as reluctance to consider such a scheme before was based on muddled thinking, but adding a warning that the Bill will obviously be a severe test of the skill of the drafters and that it is of the utmost importance that the measure should be allowed adequate time for Parliamentary discussion.—British Wireless.

### WANG CHING-WEI IN SHANGHAI

Wang Ching-wei is reported to have arrived in Shanghai from Nanking yesterday.—Our Own Correspondent.

### FRENCH EMBASSY FOR PEIPING

According to a reliable source, the French Embassy in China is shortly returning to Peiping and is re-opening in the north permanently.—Reuter.

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# REMARKABLE FILM OF LONDON RAIDS REACHES AMERICA

"LONDON CAN TAKE IT" IS THE TITLE OF A REALISTIC FILM DEPICTING THE AERIAL BOMBARDMENT OF LONDON WHICH ARRIVED YESTERDAY IN AMERICA BY CLIPPER.

Night after night three young cameramen braved death to take these thrilling pictures of the British capital by night as Nazi bombers were droning overhead.

The American commentator, Mr. Quentin Reynolds, provides a laconic, drily humorous background to the film which includes shots of anti-aircraft guns in action, searchlights reaching their shining tentacles skywards beside realistic sound effects of the whistles and the crash of falling bombs.

As the commentator remarks, "these are not Hollywood sound effects but the real thing."

The film concludes with pictures of British bombers on their way to Berlin to drop their "eggs" on the enemy thus showing not only that Britain can take it but that she can hit back.

The film will be distributed immediately in the United States, Latin America and Canada and doubtless afterwards in the British Empire and the rest of the world.—Reuter.

## BULLETINS IN AN EMERGENCY

Further cogitation by the Ministry of Information has resulted in a decision to abandon its scheme to employ "sensible people" on senseless duties. This concession to popular feeling coincides with the Ministry's other withdrawals in regard to the "silent column" and the imposition of further censorship restrictions on newspapers.

The "sensible people" scheme came into operation six weeks ago. They had been selected in localities throughout the country for a remarkable purpose. If in any grave emergency communications went wrong they were to maintain morale by spreading news, if necessary by word of mouth.

The Ministry has at last realised how easily news can be distorted by this means. The "sensible people" are not to be asked now to perform any such duty. A brand new plan has taken the place of the original method.

### Watch On Notices

Local committees, which were appointed at the same time as the "sensible people," are now responsible for the publication on approved sites of official bulletins. The committees will play the detective by seeing that no one camps with the notices after they have been displayed.

It is stressed that the bulletins will be issued only in an emergency, such as a failure in the publication of newspapers. They will not be newspapers, needless to say, but will contain items of information and the official exhortations to which the Ministry has become so addicted.

One point that is puzzling really sensible people is the authorship of the bulletins. Who is to decide what the public shall or shall not be told? To most people it would have seemed the obvious course to make use of the local newspaper organisations for doing the whole thing.

## HUSBAND NOT DEAD

Mrs. Alice Woodhead, who had received a letter saying that her husband had died in America, was held in the Divorce Court to have married again in 1928 under that genuine belief.

A petition for divorce brought by her husband, Mr. Louis Woodhead, of Brighouse, Yorks, on the ground of her marriage to Mr. Charles Worthington, of Monton, Manchester was dismissed. Mrs. Woodhead was cross-petitioned on the ground of desertion, was granted a decree nisi.

Mr. Justice Langton said that in 1923, two years after his marriage, Mr. Woodhead went to America. He never communicated with his wife again, unless he wrote a letter she received from New York in answer to an advertisement she inserted in a newspaper.

The letter apparently bore the signature of Woodhead's father, added the judge. It announced that Mr. Louis Woodhead had died a few days after an accident in Philadelphia.

Mr. Justice Langton held that Mr. Woodhead did not send his wife three letters which he declared he posted to her from Philadelphia, and did not communicate with her when he returned to this country in 1933. "It is clear," the judge concluded, "that he had deserted his wife long before that."

## THAILAND'S CLAIMS REJECTED

A flat refusal to consider any territorial claims put forward by Thailand is contained in an official statement issued last night in Vichy.

At the same time, the assurance is given that the Vichy Government is ready to ratify immediately the non-aggression pact.—Reuter.

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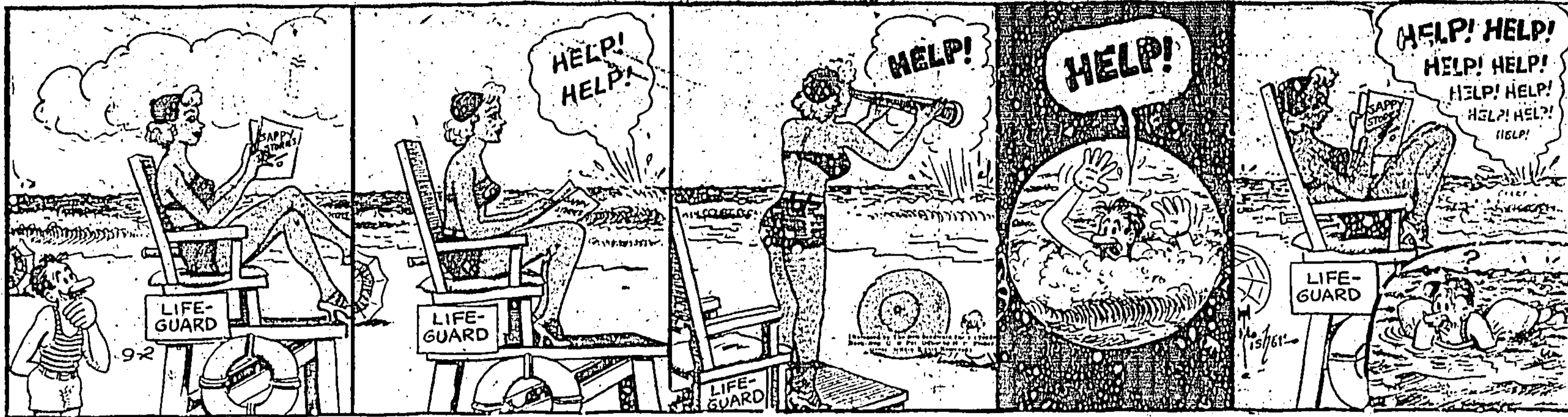
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## GERMANY'S PLAN TO WIPE OUT BELGIUM

A FRESH CAMPAIGN of Nazi lies and distortions in the Low Countries is believed to herald the launching of a plan which would entail the disappearance of Belgium as an independent nation and the creation of a vast vassal State which would act as a buffer between Germany and Britain.

Reliable information from Belgium, supported by comments in the German and Italian Press and broadcasts, indicates that the Nazis' aim is to reconstitute the State of Flanders, with notable additions at the expense of Belgium, France and Holland.

The view is taken in Belgium that this move provides proof that Germany has recognised that she cannot bring Britain to her knees by invasion and that she is attempting to build up a barrier against British offensive action.

The new State would have a sea coast from the ridge behind Boulogne to the northern Scheldt and including the islands of Southern Zeeland, Calais, Dunkirk, Ostend, Zeebrugge, Flushing, Antwerp and the Hook of Holland would be the maritime bases, and the whole plain of Flanders its air base.

### Loss To French

It would include, in addition to the Belgian provinces of East and West Flanders, the Belgian

province of Antwerp, Belgian and Dutch Limbourg, and a great part of the French northern provinces.

The Italian Press and wireless have declared that France will have to restore to Flanders the northern provinces annexed by the Kings of France seven or eight centuries ago. At the same time, German broadcasts have been denouncing the Treaty of Westphalia made in 1648, under which the two Belgian provinces of Flandre Zelandaise and Northern Limbourg were given to Holland.

Germany's aim seems to be to restore Flanders to the position it occupied in the Middle Ages, when its territory extended on the coast from Calais to the Scheldt. The State maintained its independence until the 15th century.

### Subjugating State

That the new State will be under the complete subjugation of the Reich is indicated by the fact that the Germans are taking into their service Belgians well known to have been in their pay under the title of Activists during the war of 1914-1918.

Only July 11 the Germans organised a demonstration at Antwerp to celebrate the occasion of the anniversary of the battle of the Golden Spurs in 1302, when the train-bands of the Flemish citizens crushed the chivalry of France on the plains of Courtrai. The man the Germans chose to preside at this demonstration which all Flemish Nationalists were obliged to attend, was Dr. Borms, the traitor condemned to death and pardoned, who accepted the presidency of the Council of Flanders during the previous occupation.

The anti-French character of the demonstration was striking. The Germans took great pains to let loose hypocritical propaganda with the intention of inciting the Flemish directly against the French and indirectly against the Dutch.

## HISTORIC ACRES FOR NATION

The Marquess of Zetland, chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Trust, announced at the annual meeting that Mrs. Engelheart and her daughter had arranged to vest in the National Trust their historic property at Dinton, Wilts, with an endowment fund. The property, of about 27 acres, was bought in 1901 by Mrs. Engelheart's husband for the growing of the many new varieties of daffodils associated with his name.

Lord Zetland also stated that the Dolaucothly estate, of 2,500 acres, in Carmarthenshire was being presented by Mr. Lloyd-Johnes, with a substantial endowment. It had been in the family since the time of Henry VII. Not far from the house lay the famous Pump-saint Mines, now closed, which had been worked at intervals for gold and other metals since prehistoric times.

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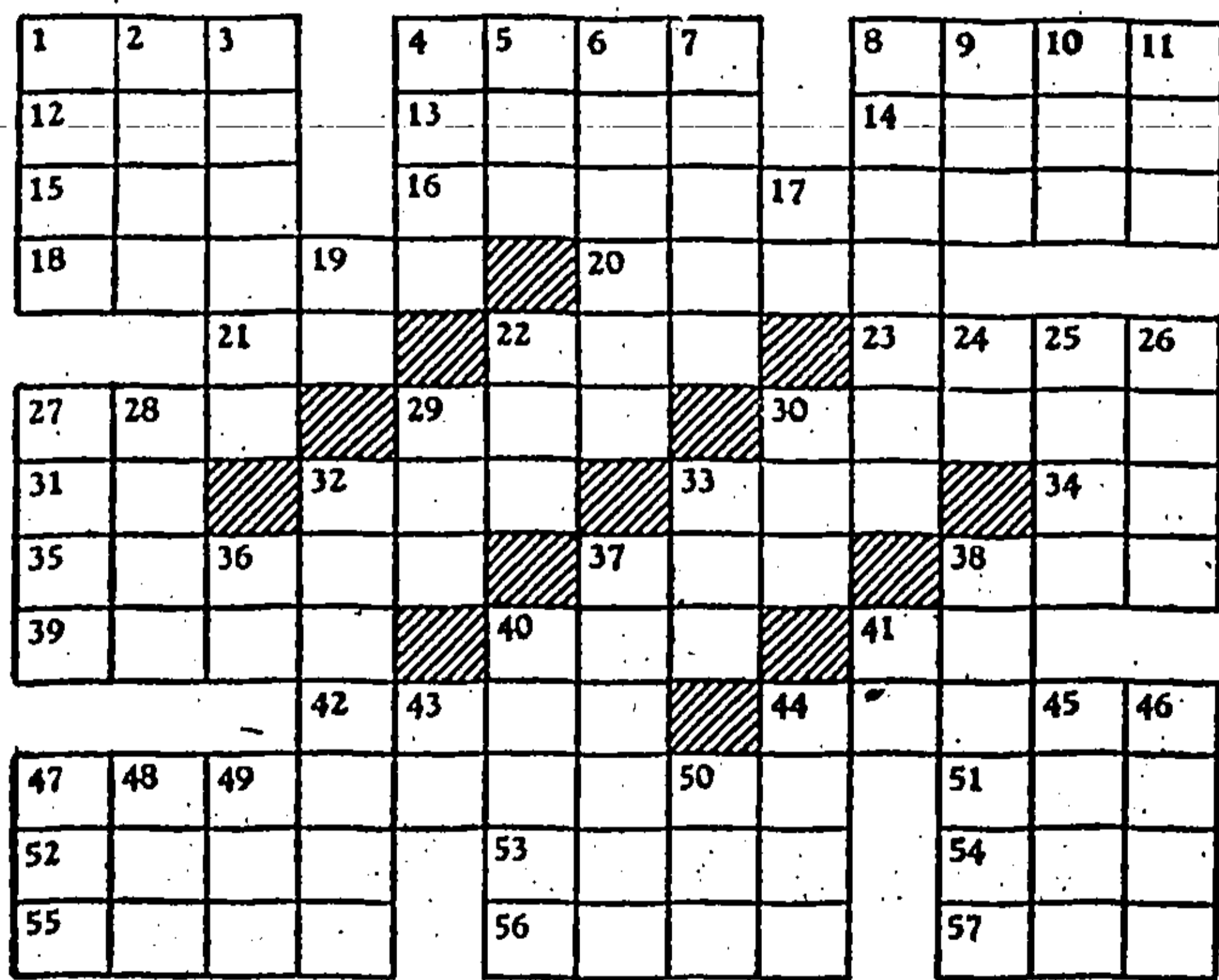
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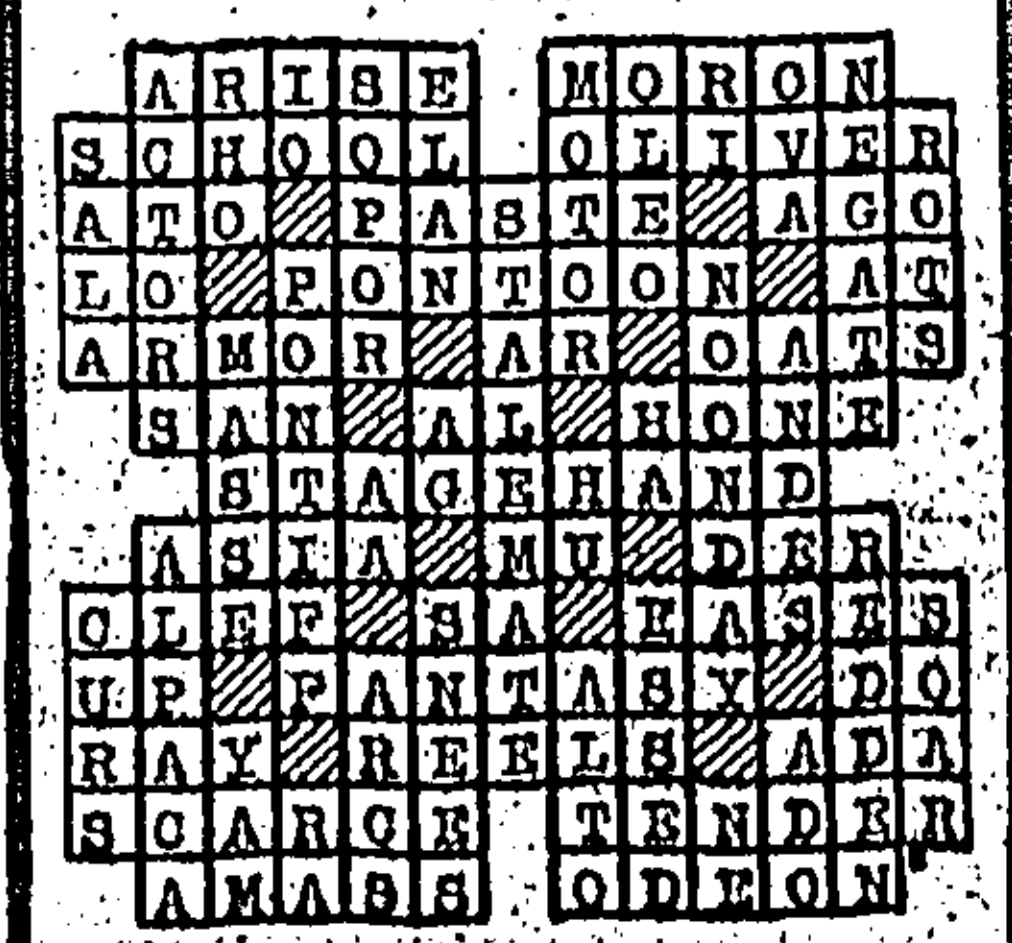
### HORIZONTAL

- 1 To forbid
- 2 Handle
- 3 Plum-like fruit
- 4 Moslem name
- 5 To grant the temporary use of
- 6 Macabre
- 7 Youth
- 8 Temporary cessation of hostilities
- 9 King who was given "the golden touch"
- 10 Conspiracy
- 11 Behold!
- 12 Beverage
- 13 Venezuelan tree-snake
- 14 Ibsen heroine
- 15 Cravat
- 16 Long-necked wading bird
- 17 Symbol for calcium
- 18 The sun
- 19 To spread for drying
- 20 Symbol for tellurium
- 21 Rapacious person
- 22 Female pig
- 23 Cushing flow
- 24 Silkworm
- 25 In what way

### VERTICAL

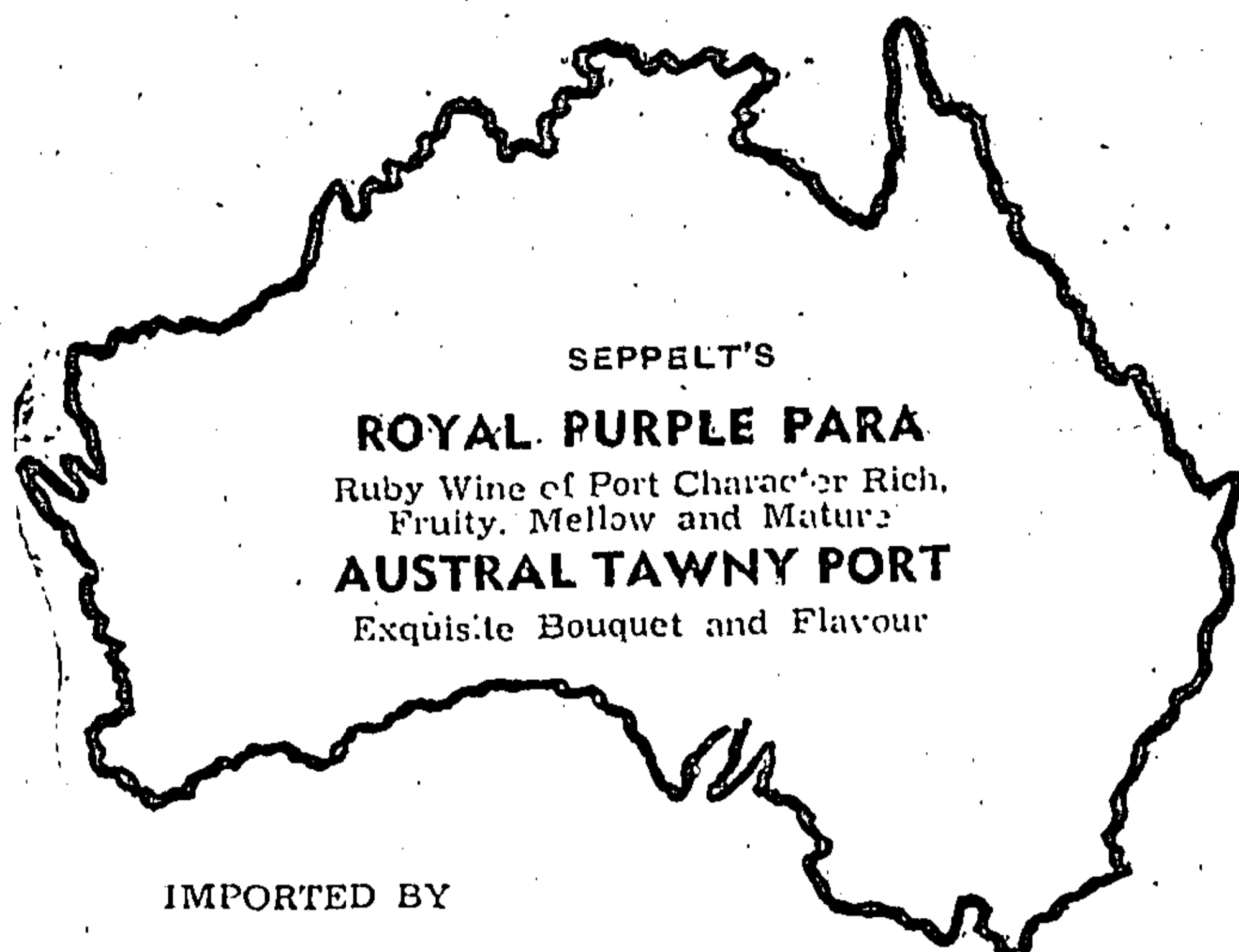
- 1 Soothing application
- 2 Turkish regiment
- 3 To perforate, as with shot
- 4 Cry of sorrow
- 5 Conjunction
- 6 To examine
- 7 Feeble-minded
- 8 Calm
- 9 Garland
- 10 Grampus
- 11 To watch
- 12 Therefore
- 13 Indo-Chinese language
- 14 To be sick
- 15 Conjunction
- 16 Repetition
- 17 The dill
- 18 Pang
- 19 German river
- 20 Playing
- 21 To carve
- 22 Small sparkling object
- 23 To haul
- 24 Japanese measure
- 25 Sally of troops from a besieged place
- 26 Self-satisfied
- 27 Convenient
- 28 Artificial language
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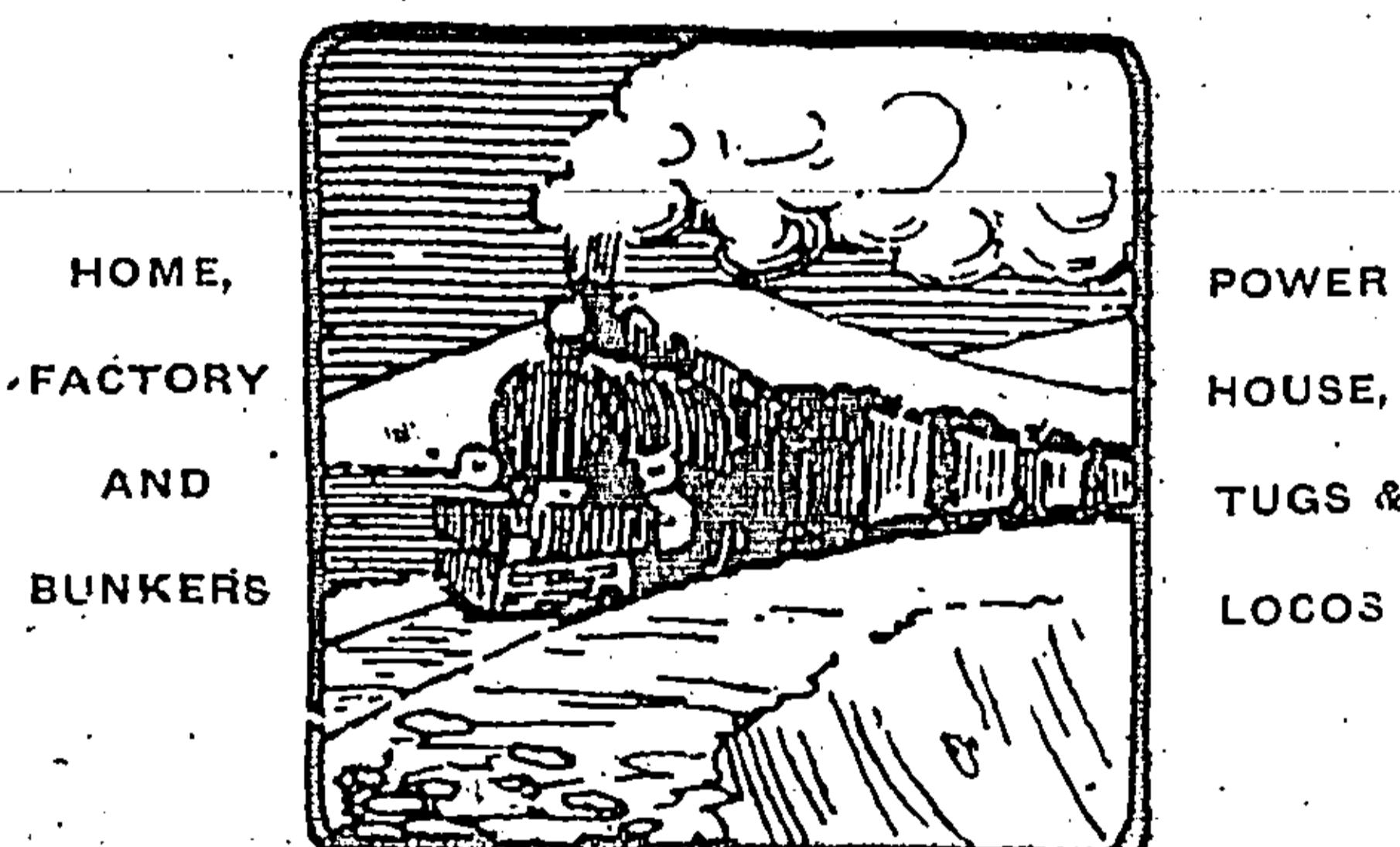
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**NAVAL RATINGS AS LUNCHEON GUESTS**—Members of the lower deck as well as Cabinet Ministers, admirals, generals and air marshals were among the audience to hear the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, when he addressed the National Defence Public-Interest Committee at a luncheon at the Dorchester Hotel. A contingent of them attended as guests of the chairman, Lord Nathan of Churt. Photo shows two sailors enjoying beer and cigars during the luncheon. (Copyright, Fox).

## No Compulsory Evacuation On South Coast

**REUTER'S SPECIAL** Correspondent, returning to London after a week in "the British front line," writes that tens of thousands of civilians, chiefly women and children who are still living along the south-east coast, show unbroken spirit after being for four months closer to the enemy than any others in Britain.

Dover, which is the target of occasional shelling, besides bombing, presents as busy and as cheerful an appearance by day as any town in Britain.

The bombing of these coast towns has not been, except in the case of Ramsgate, on the scale that London has experienced in the past five weeks although it has been extended over a longer period.

Populations have admittedly diminished by a big percentage but evacuation, which is not compulsory, has never been wholesale. Cinemas close earlier than in peace time but remain open after the black-out.

Hardy British fishermen still go to sea in small boats despite the enemy on the opposite coast.

Fishing on this coastline is highly profitable, one fisherman having caught in one day over 2,000 pounds of fish and earned over £100.

### Ramsgate's Tunnels

Women and children in Ramsgate which was ruthlessly attacked on August 24 on the Polish model by the German air force, spend several hours by day and most of the night 60 to 90 feet below the ground in unique miles of tunnels cut in the chalk below the town.

Open to sea breezes, the dry and clean tunnels have, hitherto, not impaired the health of the people of Ramsgate.

Meanwhile, the civic authorities are still engaged in clearing the debris which the raiders left. —Reuter.

### TOBRUK BOMBED ONCE MORE

Bombing raids were carried out on Tobruk once again on the night of Saturday/Sunday, states a Cairo message.

Bombs fell in the target area, but it was impossible to ascertain the full extent of the damage. —Reuter.

## INVASION PORTS BLASTED

A series of exceedingly heavy explosions resulted from an attack on Flushing Harbour on Sunday night by Coastal Command Blenheims, says the Air Ministry News Service.

The main line railway junction was one of the chief targets and following a major explosion, a series of fierce fires broke out when bombs fell.

Another great explosion occurred a full minute after one aircraft had unloaded the last of its bombs.

Other Blenheims carried out an attack over Domburg Harbour, north-west of Flushing, and across the mole at Zeebrugge. Here also explosions were extremely violent and destruction was increased by scores of incendiary bombs. —Reuter.

### DE BONO'S TOUR IN SPAIN

Marshal De Bono, who is visiting Spain, went to Seville on Sunday and was supposed to have gone to Granada yesterday. He is returning to Italy about the middle of the week. —Reuter.

## PEIPING LEAFLET "RAID"

Exemplifying the way German propaganda is encouraged in Peiping, Chinese handbills were dropped on Saturday from, presumably, Japanese planes, with a lurid picture headed: **GERMAN PLANES BOMB ENGLISH CAPITAL.**

The picture shows a highly imaginative Tower of London in flames, the sky full of German planes and the river full of sinking boats.

The text at the bottom reads: Several thousand German planes bomb Britain. Sections very severely bombed and burnt an essential part of London.

Doubtless pointing to the picture's moral, the text adds that foreign assistance to Chiang Kai-shek is now failing. —Reuter.

## NORWEGIAN FORCES INSPECTED

A SILK FLAG WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED RECENTLY AS A GIFT FROM NORWEGIAN WOMEN IN ENGLAND ON HIS 68TH BIRTHDAY WAS PRESENTED BY KING HAAKON OF NORWAY TO THE NORWEGIAN FORCES YESTERDAY WHEN HE VISITED THEIR TRAINING CAMP "SOMEWHERE" IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Norwegian troops in Great Britain have already for some time past been taking part in local defence and have been used by the British Army Command for several military operations.

Apart from the Army, there are also Norwegian naval units serving with the British coastal defence and in convoy protection. These were also inspected by King Haakon. —Reuter.

## U.S. EVACUATION OF HARBIN

American residents in Harbin are preparing for evacuation, says a Japanese report in Tokyo yesterday.

The report adds that the American Consulate-General in Harbin will possibly be closed following the evacuation which would dispose of the bulk of Consular business. —Reuter.

### \$250,000 FOR SPITFIRES

The East India Fund in Calcutta has cabled £250,000 to the Air Ministry in London for the purchase of Spitfires for the Royal Air Force. —Reuter.

# CHINA MAIL

## RUMANIA

Hitler's military occupation of Rumania may be part of a larger design against the Middle East. It may, on the other hand, be compelled by the difficulties created following the extensive dismemberment of Rumania under his "referee" pressure two months ago. The practical fact is that Hitler knows that a situation was created which is not safe for anybody, the participating parties or the dictating, threatening and competing bystanders.

The fears of the Nazi dictator individually and collectively gravitate to one, Russia as the challenger of Nazi domination in the Balkan area. Dictator Stalin and Dictator Hitler are suspicious and jealous of each other, diplomatic allies to a degree but planning programmes that clash in almost all essentials, allies for expediency, but distrusting competitors in conquest as soon as expediency fails to dictate otherwise. What Hitler is starting in Rumania looks for all the world like a picket fence thrown across the path of Stalin's ambitions and expansion plans.

The Rumanian oil fields constitute no enormous factor in world oil supply, but their production is big from the point of view of Germany, under prevailing conditions of distress in connection with fueling of the war machine. All indications are that the oil supply forthcoming from Russia is disappointing. Also the British airmen evidently have scored numerous hits on Germany's synthetic oil plants, making the Rumanian supply all the more vital, too important for the neglect of any detail of protection and control.

The Danubian food supply is in much the same general category as the oil supply, subject to the same pressure as to urgent need and danger of loss of control.

Since the Balkan field is vitally important in the Soviet scheme as well as in the Nazi net-work one might inquire why Stalin stands by and allows Hitler's aggression to go unchallenged. The simple

Her food supplies depleted by years of sacrifice to arms-making, and further threatened by the transfer of agricultural workers to the army, Germany began the war in no condition to stand the pressure of the British blockade.

But she has added to this a self-blockade that hits the German people and other European nations as well.

By over-running Norway, Denmark, Holland and Belgium, Germany acquired big stocks of food for immediate use.

But in doing so she "killed the goose": she put an end to the capacity of these countries to send her the great supplies she had always received from them.

For all these countries dependent on imported feeding-stuffs for their livestock and on imported fertiliser for their agriculture.

Without imports they cannot even feed themselves, let alone Germany. And now that they are enemy-occupied territory, they cannot be allowed to import in order to keep Germany's war going.

By over-running France, the Germans acquired certain food stocks and a great agricultural country.

answer is that Stalin can afford to wait as long as he has reason to believe Hitler may be easier to fight later on than he would be if challenged outright now.

This is another application of the theory that the starting of to-morrow's war depends on the outcome of to-day's war—a point that finds application on the various fronts in Europe as well as in Asia.

But France's agriculture, though great, was not great enough to make her self-supporting in food supplies, so that France, too, is a liability and not an asset, to Germany's food economy.

### Where Germany Stands

Each extension of Germany's military domination has led to a corresponding decline of food power.

How difficult is Germany's situation now? How far have the

By  
R.W.B. Clarke

Nazis gone down the slippery slope to starvation?

Will these food difficulties in fact be supportable, or is Germany approaching a situation similar to that of the summer of 1918, or even of Central Europe in the appalling years which followed the last war?

It is simple enough to see the qualitative process working out, to say that the food situation will be worse in the winter of 1940-41 than it was in the winter of 1939-40. But how much worse will it be? Will it be so bad that it will in fact force the Nazi Government to modify its programme of world domination, and hurriedly devote resources to the righting of food supply instead of consolidation of conquest?

Will it be so bad that it even endangers the existence of the Nazi Government itself?

Hitler's conquests have gone so far that the situation must be examined from a European point of view.

The nations of the European Continent (excluding Britain, of course, but including everything

else as far as Russia), consume either as food or as feeding-stuffs, some 130,000,000 tons of cereals a year. Of this, about one-tenth is normally imported from outside Europe.

It is certainly not unreasonable to suggest that European production this year will be 25 per cent. below normal. In South-Eastern Europe, the main granary, the harvest is expected to be at least 25 per cent. down. That of Germany will fall by hardly less. It was estimated that the French harvest would be reduced by some 25 per cent., even before German occupation.

With non-European imports excluded, the current supply available for consumption will thus be reduced by about one-third. This is a reasonable minimum reduction; it may conceivably be more, perhaps as much as one-half.

On the other hand, there are certainly war reserves of grain which in the aggregate are substantial. But these are needed both to make good the shortage of bread grains, and to make good the shortage of animal feeding-stuffs to maintain the supply of meat and fats. Such reserves, therefore, cannot suffice for more than a limited period.

### Poor Food

The current rations in Germany are just adequate, but their dietetic quality depends to a large extent upon the output of fruit and vegetables, the distribution of which is threatened by transport difficulties.

The diet, furthermore, is dull and unvaried, and very unpalatable, especially at a time when the German people are expecting a dividend from victory. However, the German people will be able to eat the stocks looted from the occupied territories. Unless the harvest is a complete failure, the German food supply during the next twelve months may not be intolerably bad.

It will be maintained, however, only at the expense of the people of occupied territories.

Here, indeed, is the core of the whole problem. The resources of Europe are enough to feed the German people. They may be enough, too, for the Italians, who will no doubt be allowed to have what the Germans do not need.

### Starve The Conquered

But the price of this will be the starvation of the people in the occupied territories. The 42,000,000 French men and women, the 17,000,000 Dutch and Belgians, and the 13,000,000 Scandinavians will be the sufferers, alongside the 25,000,000 Poles.

Their food supplies are literally being ravaged by the Germans. The more they produce the more will be stolen for the German granaries.

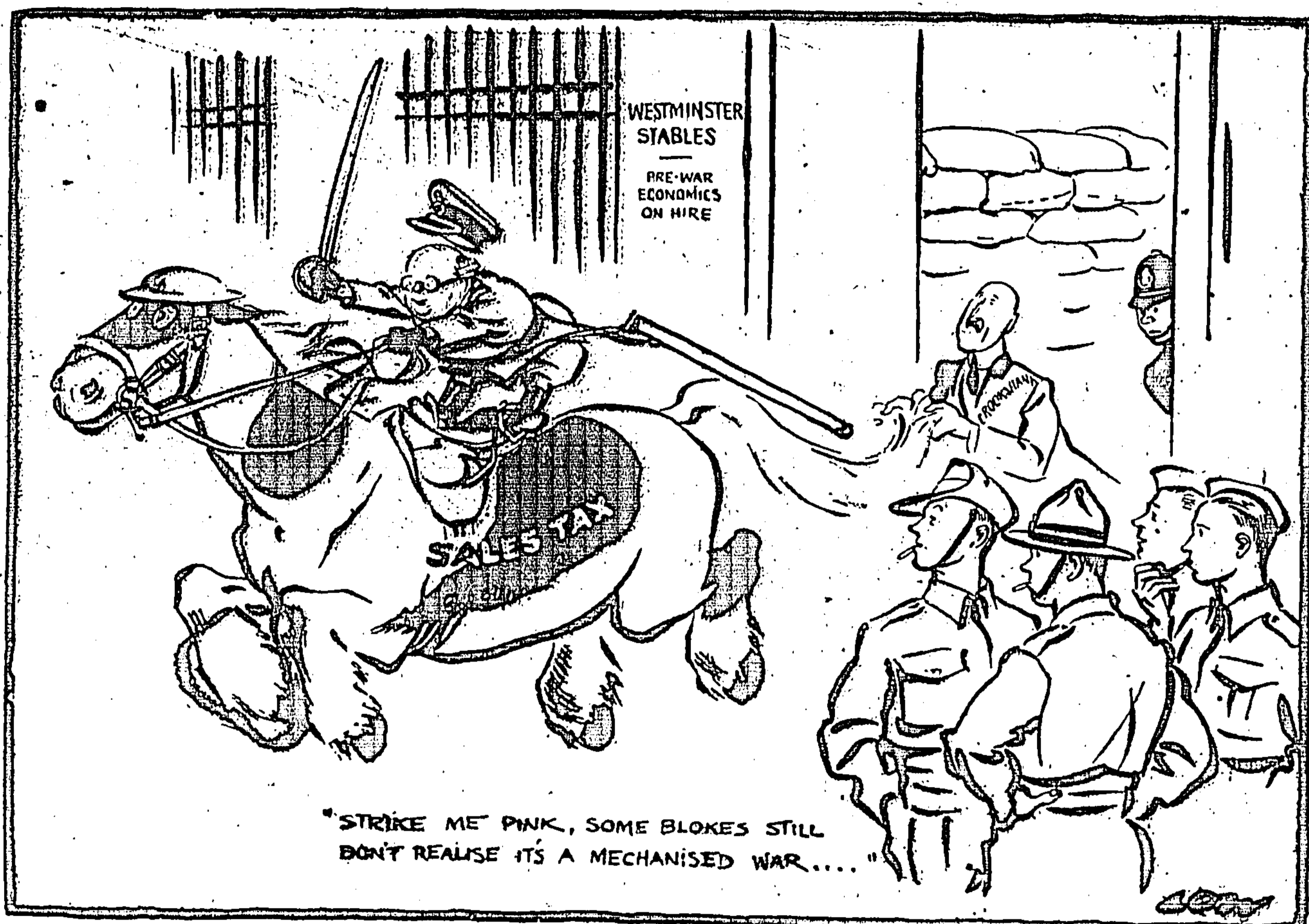
If they succeed in buying supplies from abroad, those supplies too will be swept into the German maw.

They may be allowed enough to save them from starvation—although the experience of Poland throws doubt even on that.

But they will assuredly be allowed no more than the minimum. That is certain and assured; we have enough experience of Nazi policy in occupied territories to determine it.

So we see the "Guns before Butter" policy reach its apotheosis. As a direct consequence of the deliberate policy of the German Government, Germany has reached a situation in which the German people can be fed only by a locustlike looting of the occupied territories, and by an exhaustion of Germany's own stocks. This in its turn will not only threaten something very near starvation for the millions of men and women in the defeated countries, but it also means the virtual destruction of those nations' long-term food potential.

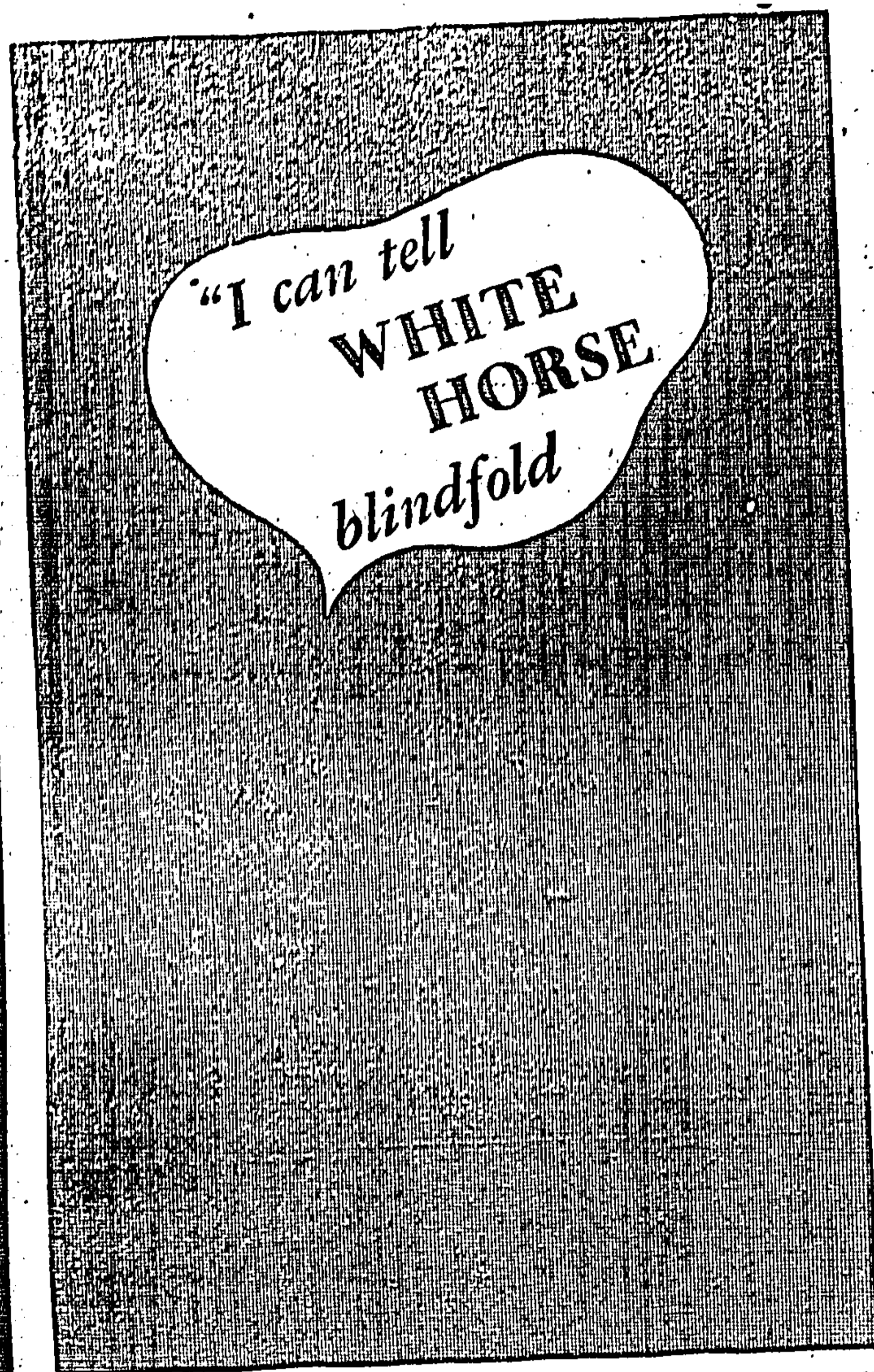
The ravages of war followed by the ravages of looting cannot be repaired in one year or even in five years.



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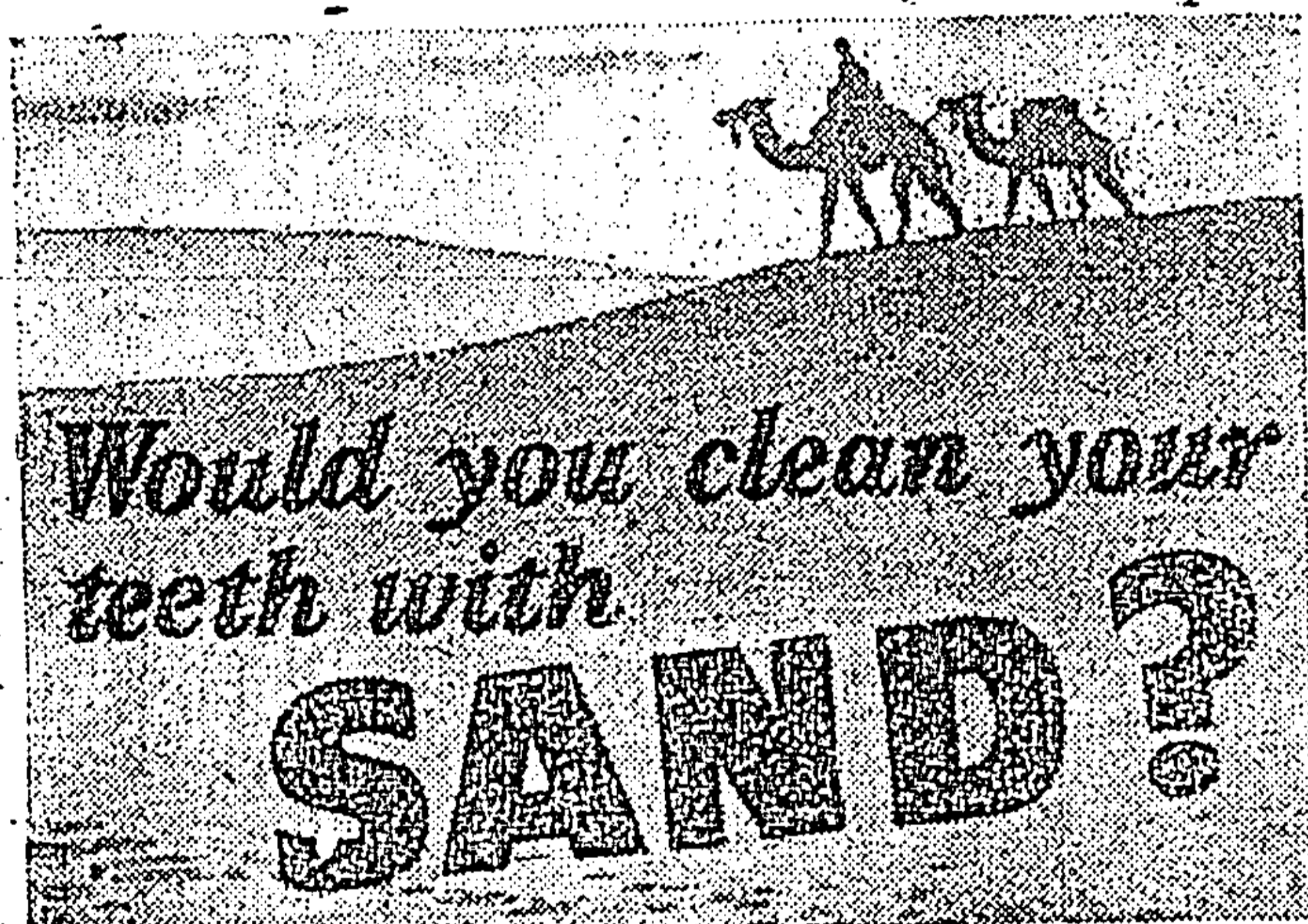
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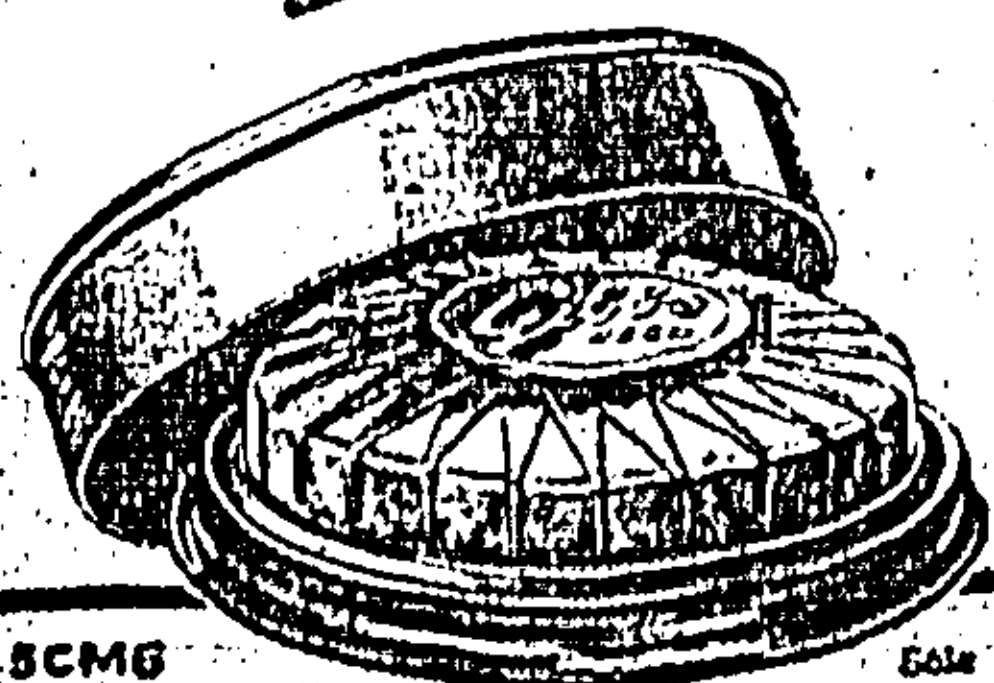
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Fred MacMurray and Melvyn Douglas settle a slight feud with somewhat disastrous results in this scene from Columbia's "Too Many Husbands," coming next to the King's Theatre. Incidentally, the film is based on a stage success by Somerset Maugham.

## NAZI MENACE INSIDE U. S.

THE COMPLEXITY OF the Nazis' world-wide propaganda organisation and the gravity of the Fifth Column threat to the United States have been examined by Col. Wm. Donovan and Edgar Mowrer in the final articles of a series distributed to American papers by Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, as part of the nation's preparedness programme.

Every year, the writers assert, Hitler's Germany spends £50,000,000 on the organisation of Germans living in foreign countries and on propaganda.

"As matters now stand," they say, "it is highly probable that the United States has the finest Nazi-schooled Fifth Column in the world, one which, in case of war with Germany, could be our undoing."

"Nazi Germany is now prevented from an assault on the Western Hemisphere by nothing, but the might of Great Britain. Unless we Americans take the trouble to see through Hitler's stratagems and learn by others' experience, we, too, may fall a victim to them."

### An Ideal Field

"Whatever plan he adopts there is little doubt that the United States constitutes just about the ideal field for the exercise of the same sort of thing that brought Norway, Holland, Belgium and France to their downfall."

"Here there is a German colony several million strong. Here, in thousands of important households, are domestic servants ready to fulfil their duty to the Fatherland by revealing to the German authorities anything of interest that comes their way. Here are thousands of German waiters, as 'snoopers.' Here are skilled workmen in arsenals, factories, shops and business houses."

"Here there is already an entire party apparatus and organisation with unlimited funds. Here are scores of extra-territorial agents in the German Embassy and Consulates engaged in God knows what form of activity, of which the least one can say is that it is directed against American democracy."

### "Susceptible Masses"

"Direct links with Germany aside, are we Americans ourselves invulnerable to Nazi propaganda? Our masses are strikingly susceptible—hundreds were quick to flee from columns of allegedly advancing invaders from Mars."

"If, deaf to Nazi propaganda, we finally went to war many would risk life and limb to destroy their own country, sabotage its defences, weaken its war effort, sink its ships, and kill its soldiers and sailors for the benefit of an alien foreign dictator and his alien political philosophy."

"A situation like that in France might well arise. If France, with its highly centralised administration and all-seeing police, could not effectively deal with enemy propaganda in time of war, how much chance has the decentralised and pluralistic American democracy unless it has learned from the experience of Germany's European victims and has taken the necessary steps in time?"

## SUPPLY FEATS IN DESERT

Despatches from this front have dealt almost exclusively with the fighting elements, whose deeds have fully merited the publicity they have received; but many others who have contributed to these successes have remained anonymous writes, a "Daily Telegraph" Special Correspondent with the British striking force, Libyan Frontier.

Almost daily striking feats of endurance are achieved behind the lines by the supply services, without whose efficient collaboration the fighters would not have achieved what they have done.

Wherever you go there is a lively appreciation of the devotion and doggedness with which supplies to the front line are regularly maintained, often in face of bombing attacks, over the long distances and barren country which separate even the forward supply depots from the frontier.

### Repairs On The Spot

In the teeth of terrific sandstorms, under an overpowering sun, whose heat causes cars to "hot up" every few miles, along difficult tracks which, when they are not vast rubble-dumps, are covered with thick dust and sand concealing the deep furrows made during the winter rains, causing the best cars to break down, the men engaged in these services have persevered to enable their comrades to fight on.

The strain on the mechanised units has been tremendous, and praise is due to the recovery stations which, isolated in the middle of the desert, directs through light aid detachments the work of succouring lame dogs.

## LEAVE PETROL ANOMALY

THE FACT THAT OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE REGULAR ARMY ARE DENIED THE PRIVILEGE ENJOYED BY THE NAVY AND R.A.F. OF GETTING SHORT-TERM LICENCES FOR LAID-UP OR BORROWED CARS IS NOT THE ONLY ANOMALY OF WHICH COMPLAINT IS MADE.

For their own fully licensed cars Army personnel can only get more than the basic petrol ration by applying with leave certificate to their divisional petroleum officer for an ex gratia allowance. The other Services are entitled to petrol for 300 miles while on leave and may draw it twice a year.

The discrepancy is due to the fact that the regulations were drawn up while the B.E.F. was abroad and were made to apply to Service personnel while on leave "from outside the United Kingdom." In existing conditions the regulations do not carry out Parliament's intentions, but unless the War Office moves, they will not, it appears, be altered.

## CURFEW FINES ON COAST

Four women and a man were fined 20s each at Hove for being out of doors in the curfew area after 10.30 p.m. without a written authority. Chief Insp. Lovell said that the cases were the first of the kind brought by the authority of the Regional Commissioner.

Mrs. Queenie Watts, of Waterloo Street, Hove, said she had been delayed by a car breakdown. She was stopped by a policeman at her door.

Mrs. Fanny Barley, of Waterloo Street, Hove, said she was crossing the road at 10.30 after visiting a sick brother.

Charles Ernest Bennett, a Shoreham labourer, now serving with the Forces pleaded ignorance of the curfew. He said when it came into force the previous week he was on night work.

Two other defendants were Edith May Burgess, of Buckingham-place, Brighton, and Helen Marion Pearson, of Westbourne Place, Hove.

## WHAT NAZI AIR FORCE IS DOING

Ansaldi, one of Mussolini's propaganda henchmen, and editor of the newspaper "Telegrafo," which is owned by Ciano, the Italian Foreign Secretary, reached new heights of imagination recently.

In his weekly radio effort to cheer up the Italian forces he announced that the great attack on England had been in progress for some time.

He told them that every day in the German High Command bulletin they could follow how "the ring round England is closing ever tighter and more pitilessly, how England is becoming increasingly affected in her life, in her vital centres and in her organisation."

"What the German air force is now doing over England will only be understood properly by the layman when Albion has at last been brought to the ground like her former ally France and lies in the dust. This day will shortly come," he concluded.

# EX-EMPRESS FINDS PEACE IN U.S.

CHANGING THE GUARD before the house that shelters Zita, last empress of the old Austro-Hungarian empire, is simple.

A sturdy Massachusetts state trooper drives up, says "How's it, Frank?" to another trooper, who asks how the Red Sox came out, and drives away.

It has been so since mid-July when Zita, one-time mistress of 50,000,000 subjects, came to the peaceful New England village of Royalston, Mass., as a refugee.

The two blue-uniformed troopers are the only tangible symbols of the life of guarded royalty that was Zita's—crowned empress at 24, banished at 27, mother of eight children, widowed at 30.

To-day, at 48, somberly dressed, she "holds court" in a square, wooden white house of the better type.

Two courtiers of the old days are with her—a countess and a count—besides seven of her eight children. To all of them, the brown-eyed, greying lady still is "Majesty." Through one of them, she makes the rare comments that can be published.

As, for instance, when she said in her gentle voice:

"It is peaceful here. These hills and mountains remind me of the Austrian landscape. It is wonderful to hear the aeroplanes no longer, to light the rooms at night without prohibition, to walk in the field with nothing to fear."

## Singing Of Bobolinks

She does that often. Behind the home of Calvin Bullock, New York broker, where Zita is living, stretches a golf course and meadows where only the singing of bobolinks breaks the stillness.

"It is like the Wienerwald, the forests near Vienna," says Count Degenfeld, her gentleman-in-waiting.

But to Zita, the trim, farmed fields that skirt the meadows could mean something deeper.

It was in a wheat field in Hungary that she and her late husband, disguised as Russians, made a forced landing during an adventure more daring than one from a Graustarkian novel. Exiles in Switzerland in 1921, they had heard from royal Monarchists still in Hungary that the time was ripe for a restoration. They got a plane, flew over Austria, and after the forced landing pushed on for a rendezvous with loyal Hungarians who had a troop train ready for a coup d'etat.

But Czechs and Yugoslavs mobilised against them and bullets pinged against the locomotive in which stood the Emperor Karl and Zita. Eventually, after a battle, Karl gave up his attempted coup to prevent further bloodshed.

## Knelt On Cinders

Before that battle, Catholic Zita and the emperor knelt on the cinders of a railroad track to hear mass in the open air.

To-day, she attends services at Immaculate Conception Church in nearby Athol. She and her family occupy a front pew, and at communion time file to the altar rail. It is on such days, when Archduke Otto, 28, the pretender to the Hapsburg throne, and Archduke Felix, 24, come up from New York, that the family is jolliest.

## LONDON CANAL TO BE FILLED IN

Part of the Grand Union Canal where it runs through London is to be abandoned. The Minister of Transport, Sir John Reith, has made an order releasing the company from the liability of maintaining a canal that portion in St. Pancras known as the Cumberland arm and basin. This is behind the old cavalry barracks in Albany Street and extends from the canal cut to the main Regent's Park section.

An official of the company stated that the surrounding land now belongs to the Crown Commissioners. It is understood to be the ultimate intention to fill in and build over the arm and basin.

The girls, Archduchess Adelaide, 26, and Charlotte, 19, and Elizabeth, 17, play the piano. The younger Archdukes, Charles Louis, 22, and Rudolph, 21, take their brothers on for some golf. Later, there may be dinner with mother in the pleasant dining room that looks out on Royalston's neat little elmshaded common, white-steeped church and country store. Only Archduke Robert is absent, working in the admiralty in London.

Reunion was not always so simple.

After their attempted coup in '21, Zita and Karl were banished to Madeira, while the children remained in Switzerland. When Robert, then 6, was stricken with appendicitis, Zita had to obtain permission to go to his bedside.

Later, when she was allowed to bring the children to Madeira, the joy of reunion was dimmed by Karl's fatal illness. Zita had to do her own cooking, scrub floors, pinch pennies for food.

## The Sequel

The sequel to that story must come to Zita's mind as she watches the young Archduchess Elizabeth stride gaily off in white and red-trimmed sports frock for an afternoon of tennis or boating. Elizabeth never saw her father.

He died at Madeira in April, 1922, and Elizabeth was born just a month later in Spain. The family stayed in Spain until 1929 when they went to Belgium to live for ten years in a castle since destroyed by gunfire. From it they fled before the advancing Germans to America.

All the children speak German, French, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian, Czech and Croatian—schooling at Zita's orders in the many tongues of the old empire,

## JUGOSLAVS FACE FAMINE

The Yugoslavian wheat yield is expected to be dangerously small. Until recently it was hoped that the country's winter needs would be provided for by the harvest, but it is now obvious that this will be impossible without reducing bread consumption.

The normal home requirements are 240,000 truckloads. At the best the harvest may produce 200,000 loads, and the yield may be as low as 180,000. If Germany insists on the full execution of Yugoslavia's commitments under their trade agreement, which is likely, the position will be disastrous.

to which Zita never has despaired of returning.

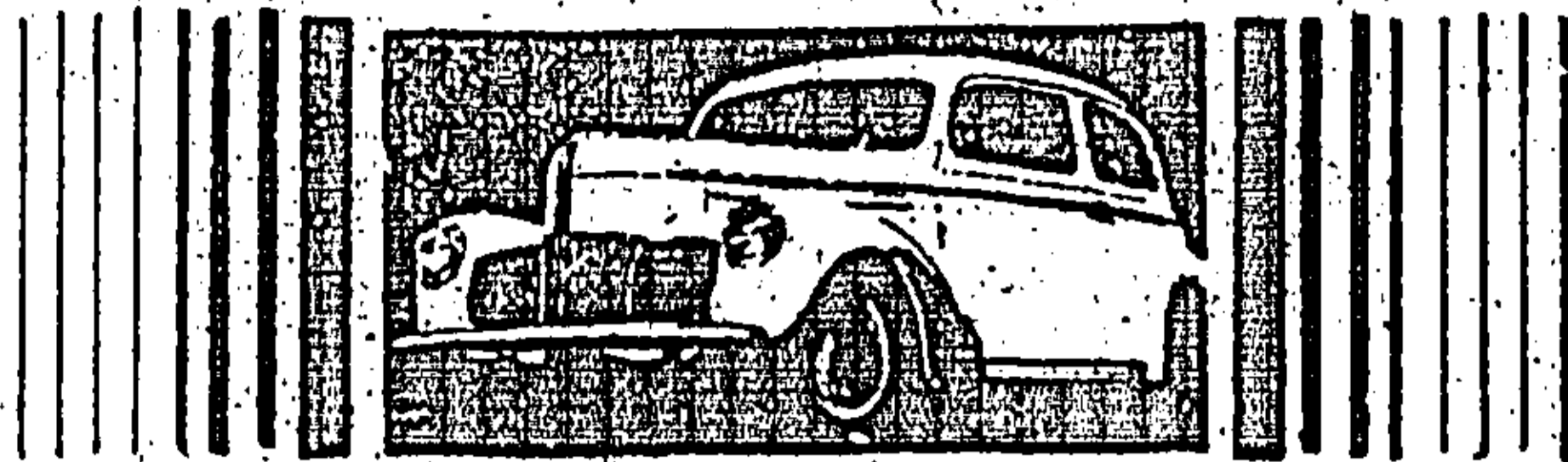
Once in 1935, she neared her objective when the Austrian government returned to the Hapsburgs most of their confiscated property. But Hitler, who now rules Austria, charges Zita with treason for having opposed the Anschluss with the Reich.

In a way, it is ironic that Zita, a refugee, sought haven in Royalston, because the town was named for Isaac Royal, a Tory who fled to England during the American Revolution.

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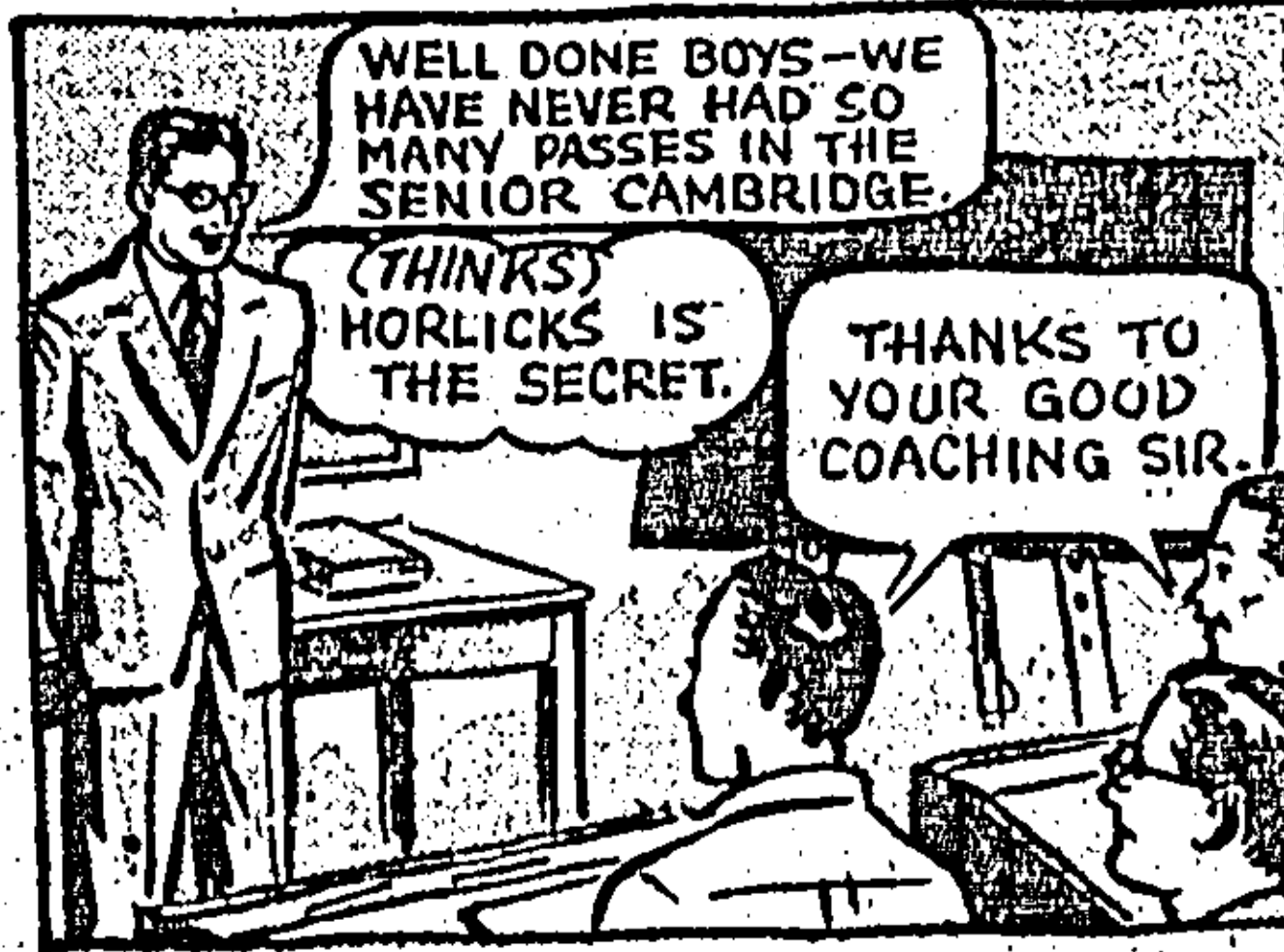
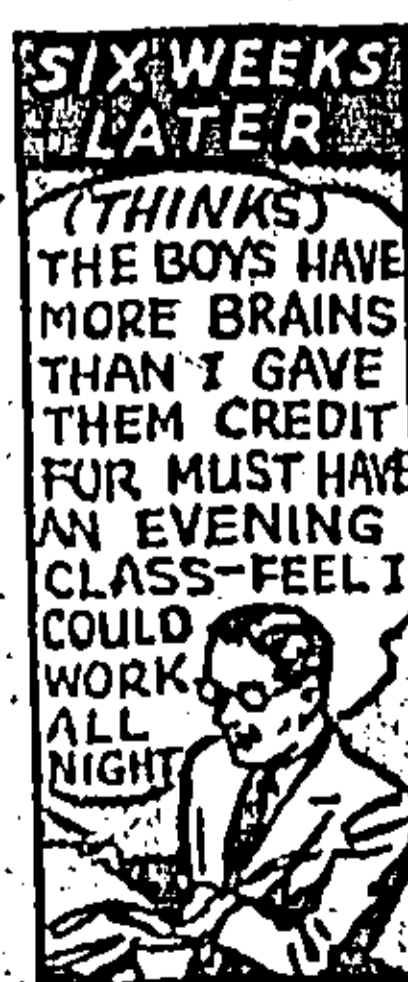
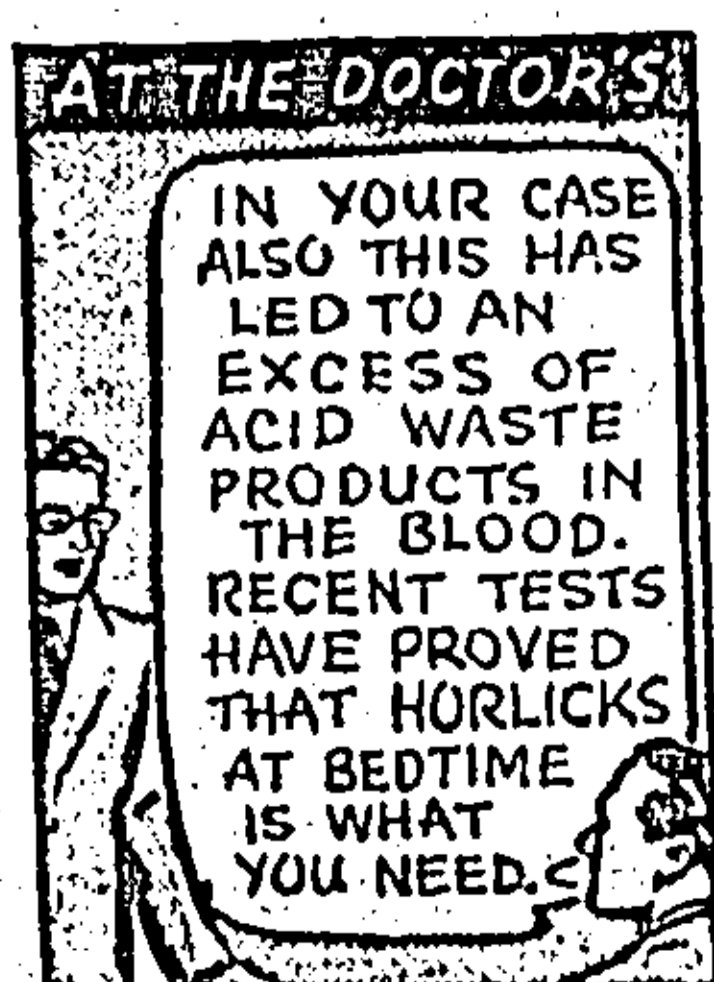
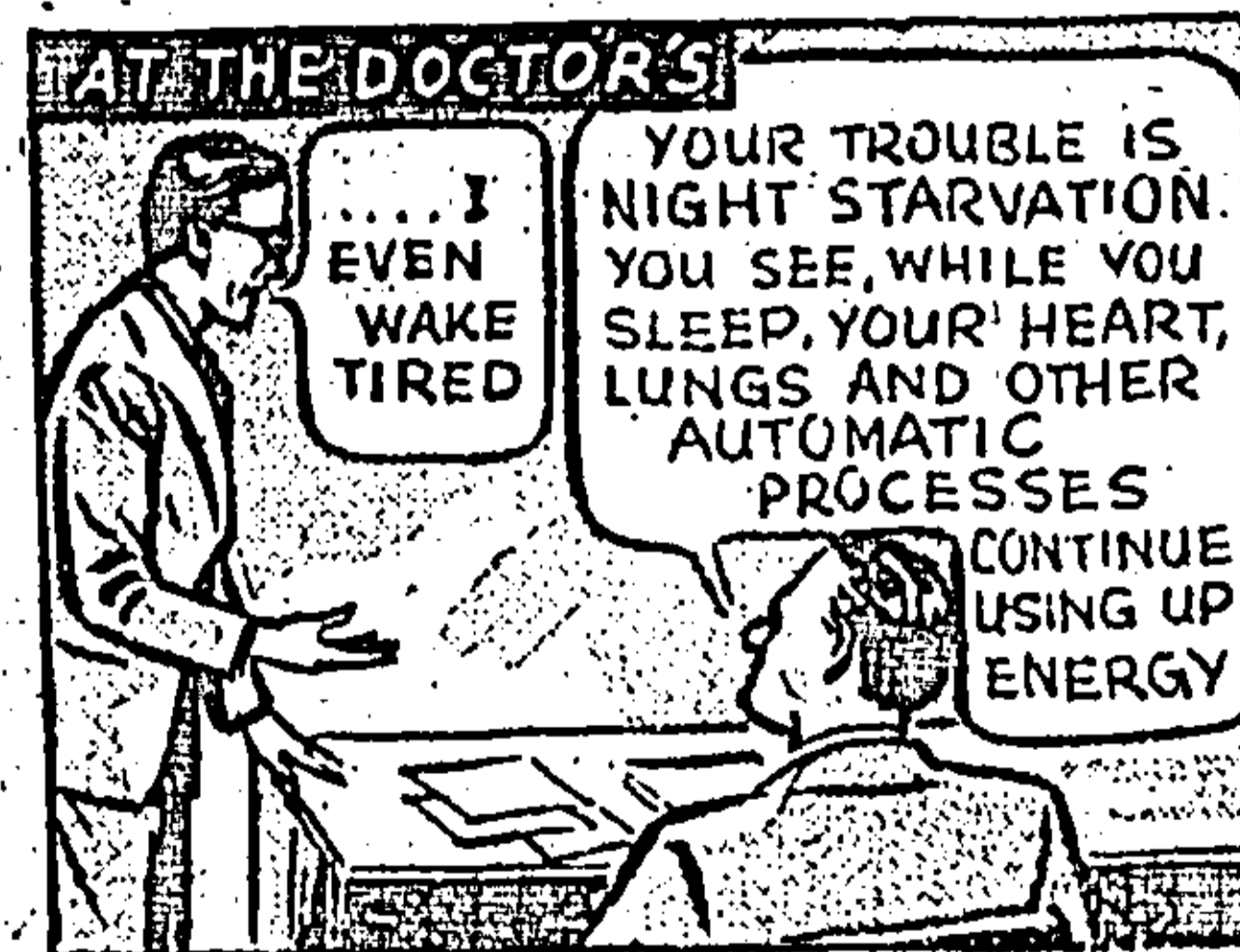
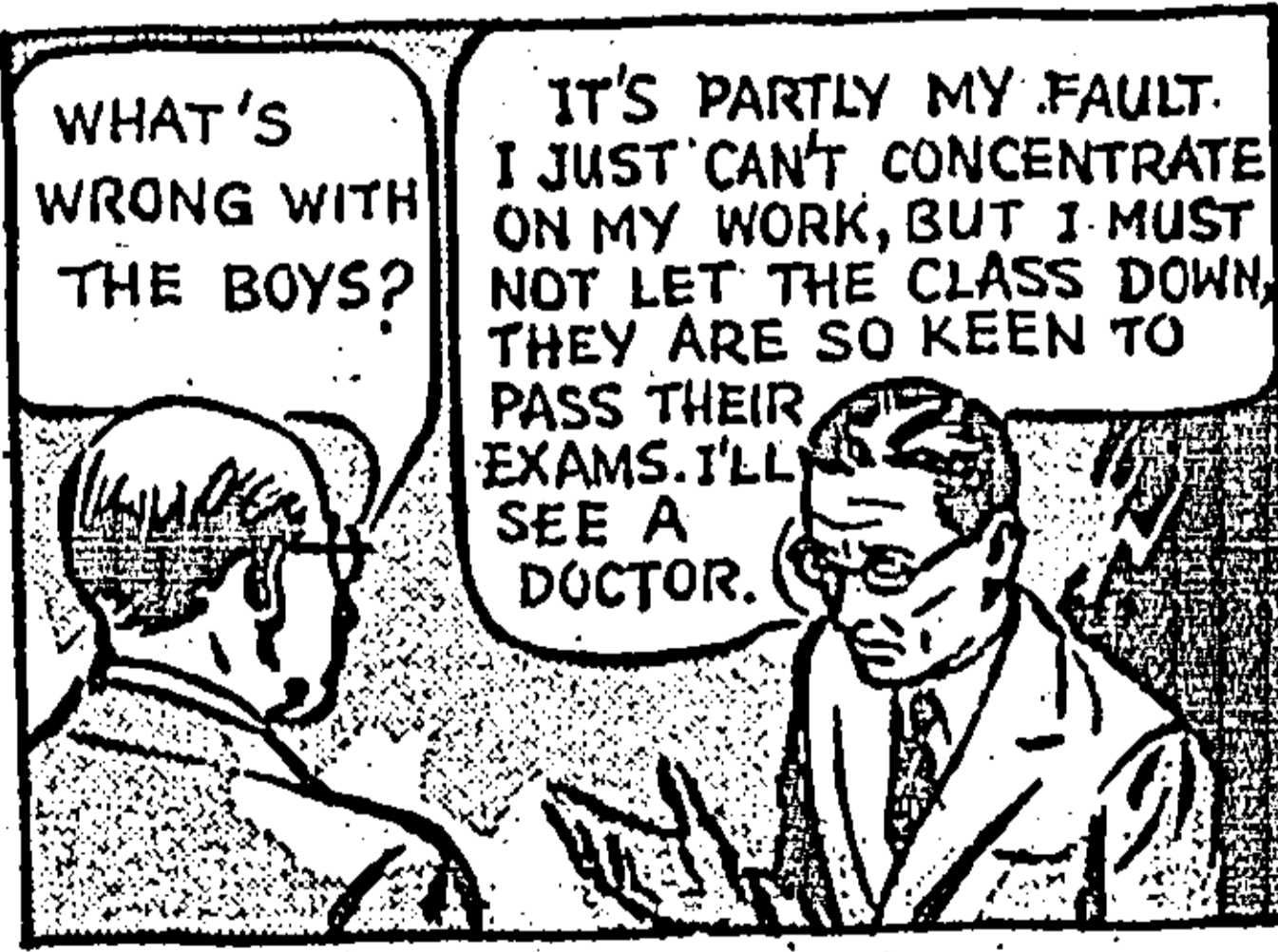
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By-Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,

General Manager.

Hong Kong, 4th October, 1940.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

[The "China Mail" regrets that Contract Bridge articles by the Four Aces have been delayed in the mails, and that the continuity of the feature has, for the first time, been broken. To-day, in substitution, there is an article by Ely Culbertson.]

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: Last night in a duplicate game I was South when the following hand came up:

"North, dealer.  
"East-West vulnerable.  
"Match-point duplicate.

## NORTH

S-A 10 9 4 3  
H-A J 6  
D-Q J 6  
C-A 7

## WEST

S-Q J 6  
H-K 10 9 5  
D-8 7  
C-Q 9 8 2

## EAST

S-8 7 2  
H-7 4 2  
D-A K 9 5 4  
C-K 4

## SOUTH

S-K 5  
H-Q 8 3  
D-10 3 2  
C-J 10 6 5 3

"At our table the bidding proceeded:

North East South West  
1 spade 2 diamonds Pass Pass  
Double Pass Pass 2 n'trump  
Pass Pass Pass

"East-West took a bottom on the board, as we set them two tricks. The West player, who is considered one of the local experts, took more than a minute to bid his two no-trump. After the play he asked me: 'Your partner's double was for a take-out, wasn't it?' I answered: 'Yes, it was a take-out double.' As soon as I answered he wrote 'passed out' on the traveling score sheet and called the director. He repeated the above conversation to the director and the latter told us that we would have to accept the neutral score. I could read the director's mind and his sympathy for me, so I did not talk further and left West satisfied.

"When I passed to North's take-out double it seemed to me that it would be better to try to set them than to bid two spades or three clubs. They were vulnerable and we were not. Should I have said, 'It is a take-out double, but I pass for penalties,' when West asked me? Anyway, I learned that I must speak very carefully and must study the bridge laws. I can't understand, however, that it was right to give a neutral score on this board. Please give me the reason and your judgment."

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I have deliberately omitted even the initials of the above correspondent because I fear that he will



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be in trouble with his erstwhile opponents and the director when they see my answer.

From time to time instances of outrageous directorial rulings come to my attention and this is a thoroughly typical one. It is perfectly obvious that people are running duplicate games, and sometimes even minor tournaments, who have no licence to be in a bridge club or playing room. Either they know virtually nothing about bridge laws, or their conceit and arrogance are so overwhelming that they take it upon themselves to supersede those laws.

In the case in question my correspondent, South, was not only entirely within his rights in passing to the take-out double made by his partner, but moreover, took precisely the correct action and the one that would be taken by every expert. As almost every bridge player knows [and certainly as duplicate directors should know], a double intended for a takeout can be converted by a pass to the penalty variety any time the supposed responder feels like converting it. No doubt it will come as a shock to this particular director when I say that bridge conventions are made for the guidance and convenience of the pair that uses them, not for the benefit of their opponents, and that said conventions may be abrogated at any time, provided, of course, that no private, secret understanding exists between partners.

It may and may not impress the director in this case to be informed that he took part in a piece of highway robbery. West's claim for a neutral score should have been laughed out of court.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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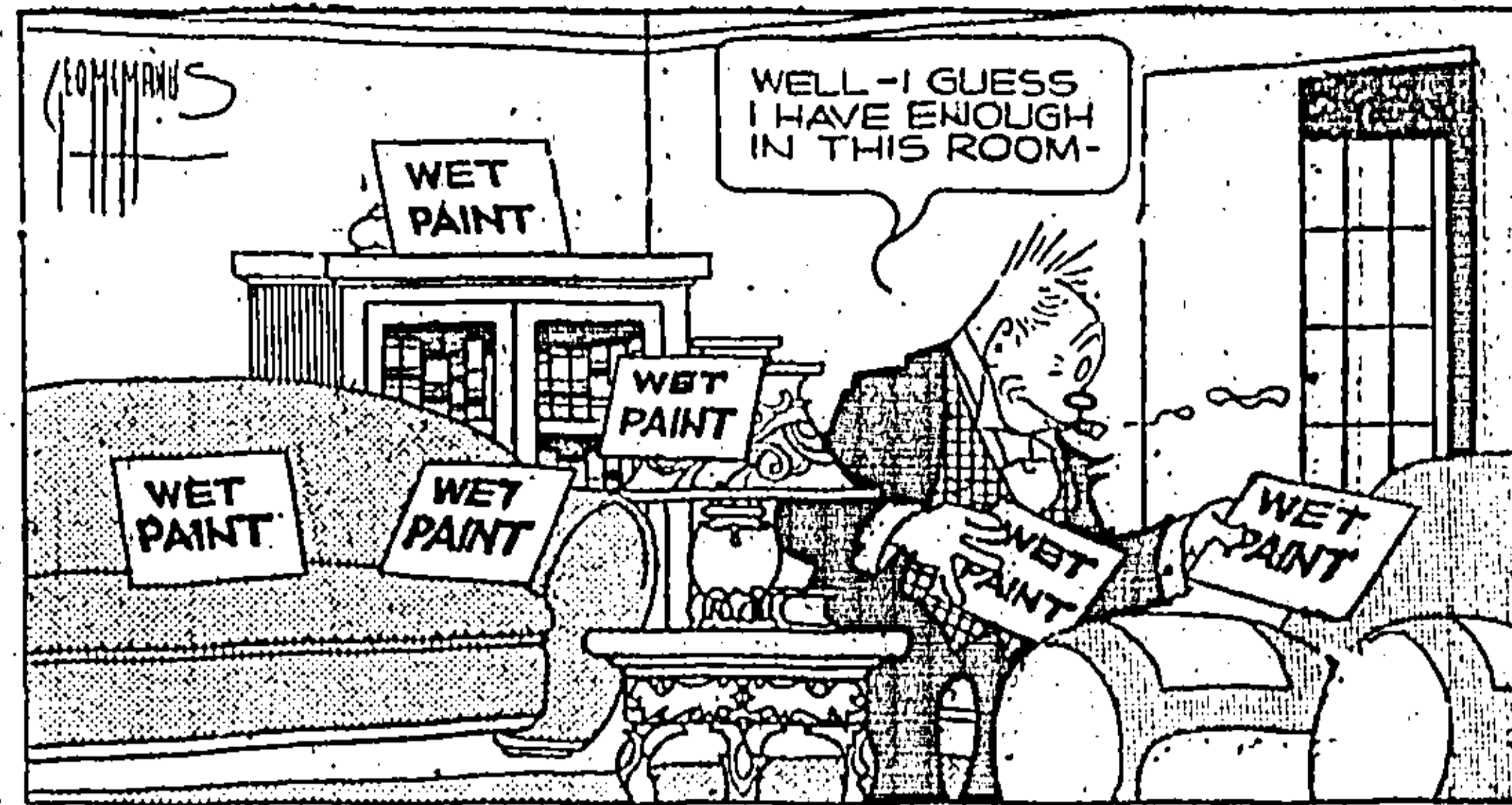
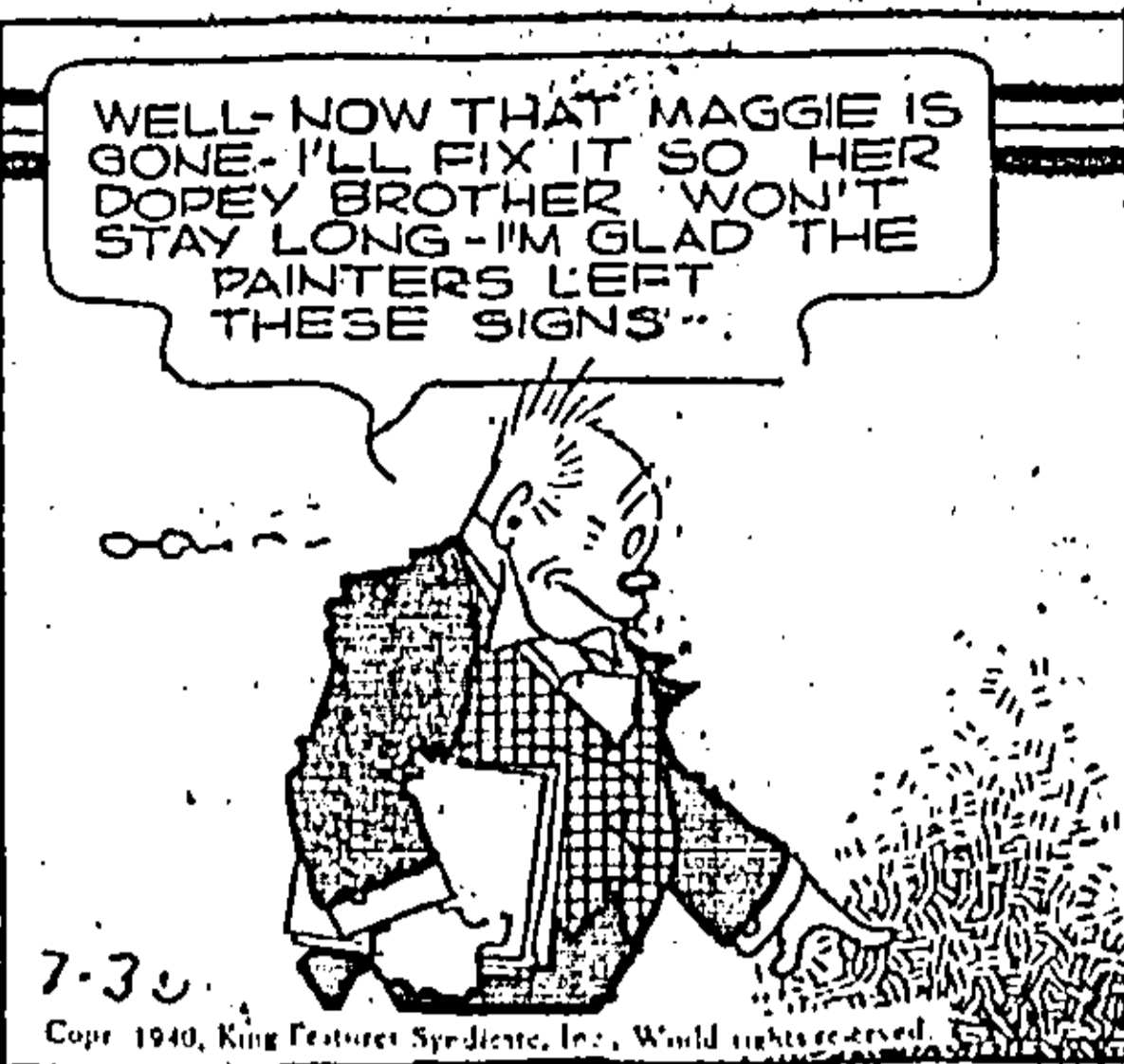
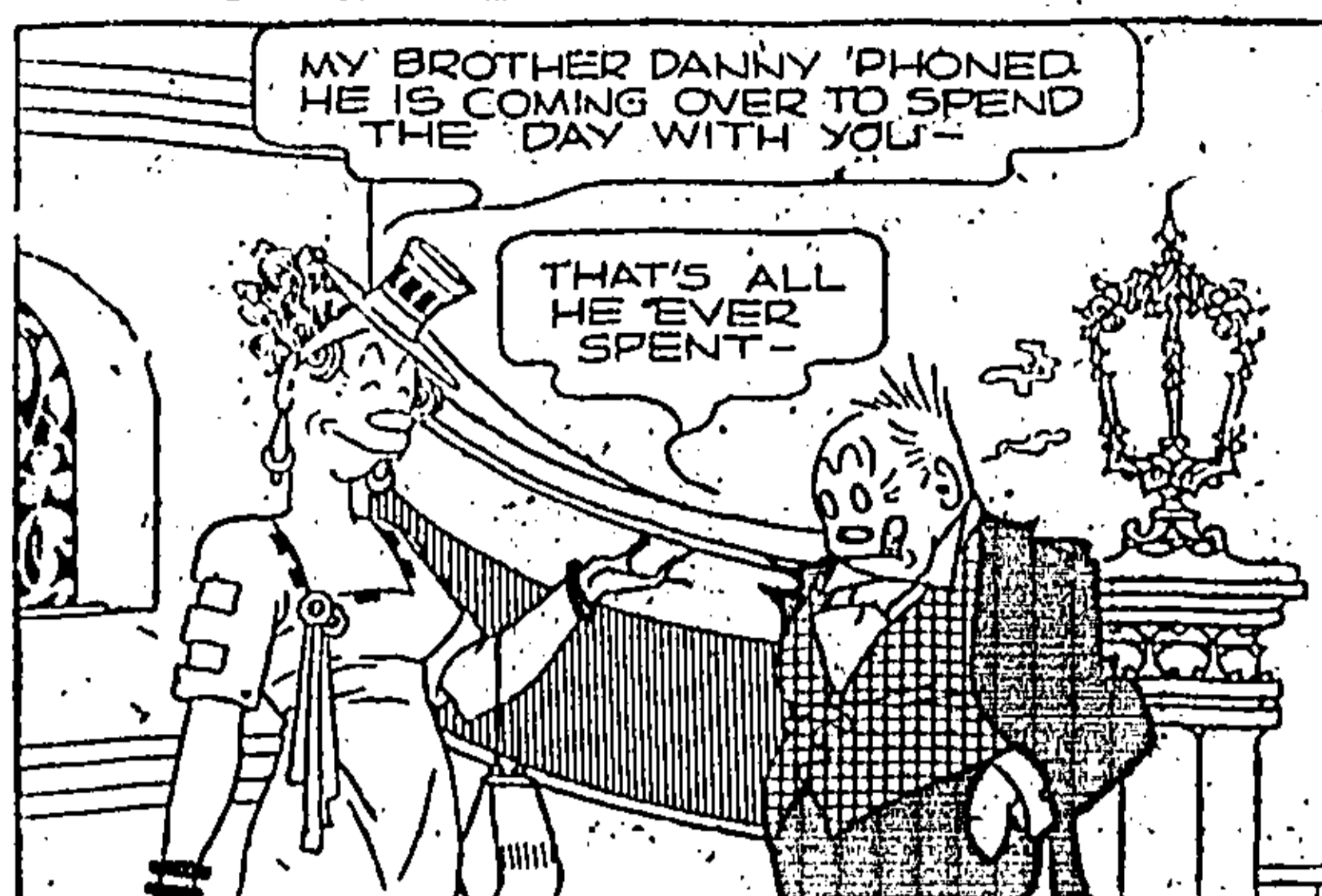
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## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Chart Figure Flaws

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Well then, let's take a candid look at you. Strip down to your last garment or (if you are not too modest) stand nude before a full length mirror. For the next few minutes be cruelly candid with yourself—then fill in this rating:

How is your posture? Good or slumped?

Is your tummy flabby and too pronounced?

Have you rubber-tires?

Are your thighs too thick? Too skinny?

Do your breasts sag?

Are your hips too hippy?

Are your legs slim and shapely?

Is your spine too curved at lower back?

How do you carry your head? Erectly or forward?

Do your legs bow?

Are your upper arms too thin? Too fleshy?

Do you look alive and vital, or sadly droopy?

Are you overweight, or underweight?

Does your flesh look firm and pink?

### Now Then!

We'll forget that you have a head-to-day (other than noticing how you carry it). We talk about the care of skin and hair on other days. To-day it's that figure of yours on which we are concentrating.

Once you have charted your figure flaws, sit down for ten or fifteen minutes and determine what you are going to do about them.

### Diet Or Exercise?

If it is a weight question send for my building-up diet, or one of



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my reducing diets. All diets issued through this column have been okay'd by physicians. So they are safe.



Ann Rutherford wears a dinner-dress made of heavy silk faille. Cut on princess lines with a tremendous skirt flaring from the hip-line the gown is ideal for formal dinner. A jewelled pendant provides an elegant touch. The sleeves are elbow-length with the new high shoulder.

Then try to decide whether one of the competitive outdoor games wouldn't help correct some of the flaws you listed. It's splendid to adopt a game as a hobby for it brings you out into the open air and sunshine, in the company of others, and does wonders in giving you a grand new perspective on life. If you are not too old, adopt one. Women over forty-five may play golf, swim, or ride if they have ridden before. Tennis and badminton may be a bit too strenuous.

If an outdoor game is impossible for you, plan daily on a few minutes of exercising at home. Most of us should begin with posture-correcting movements, then go in for more specific corrective movements such as hip reducing, arm developing, midriff firming.



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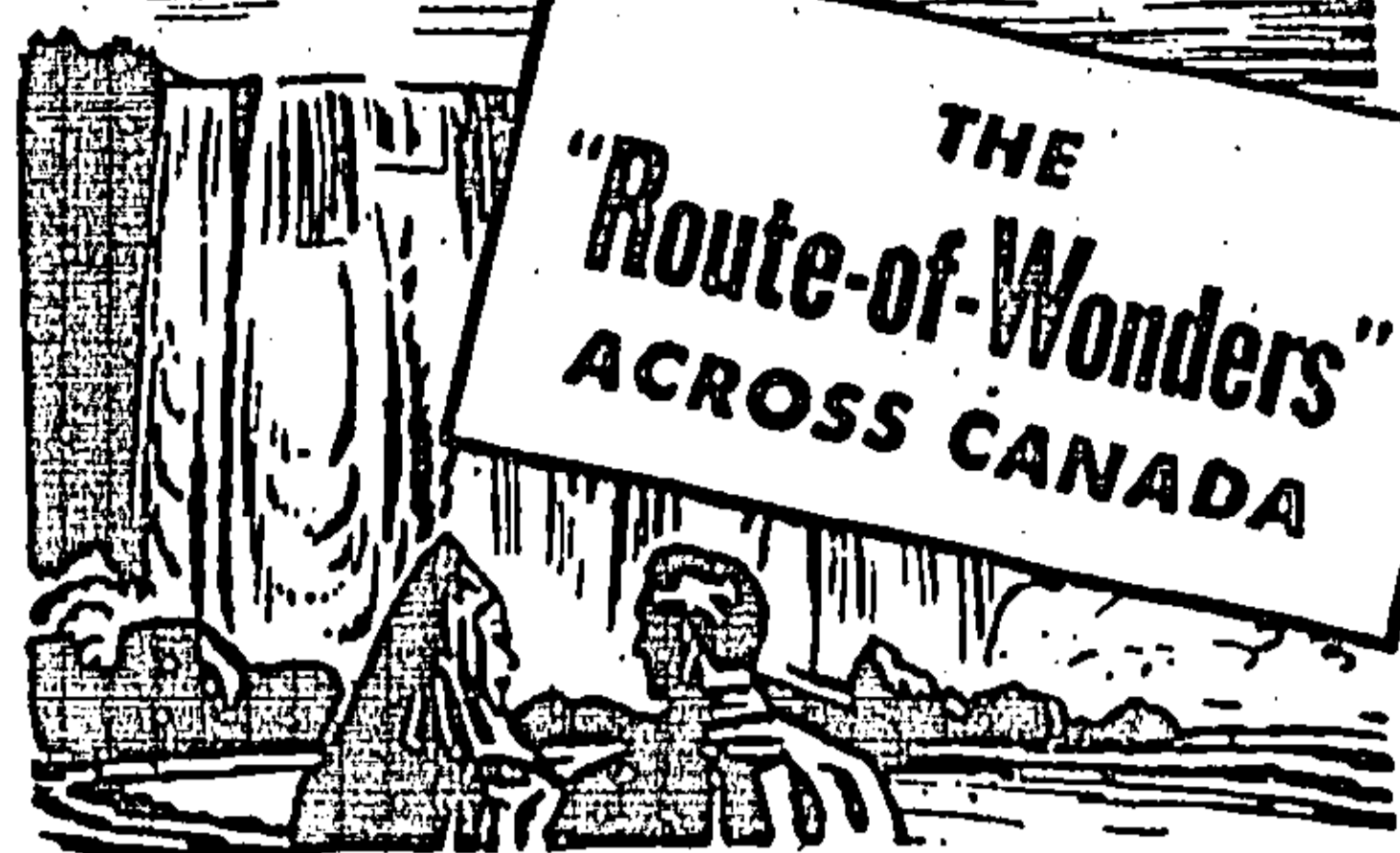
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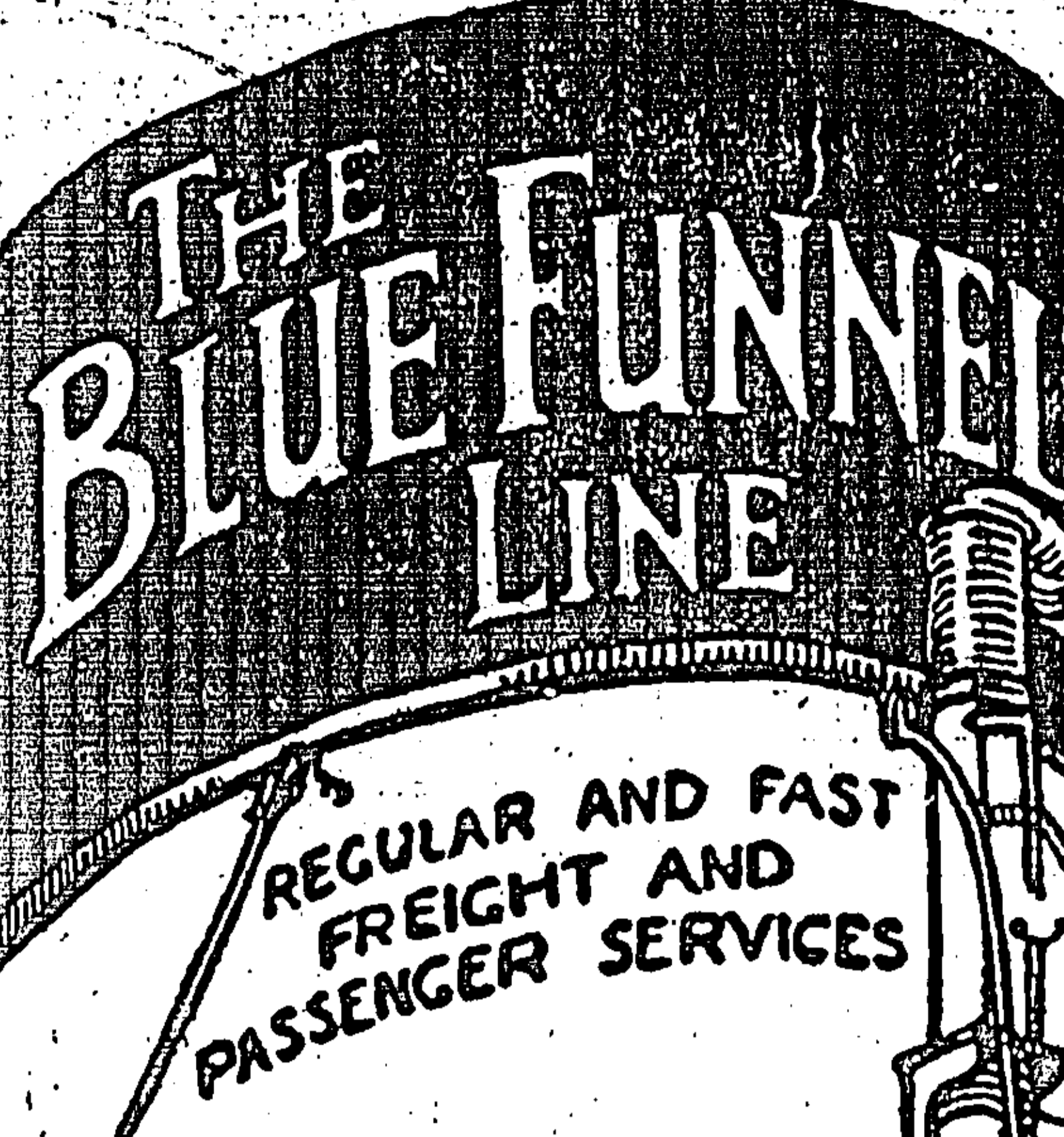
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1.13 p.m.—Nat Gonella and His Georgians.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 104 in D Major ("London"). Edwin Fischer and His Chamber Orchestra.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6.00 p.m.—Dance Music.  
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6.35 p.m.—Dance Music.  
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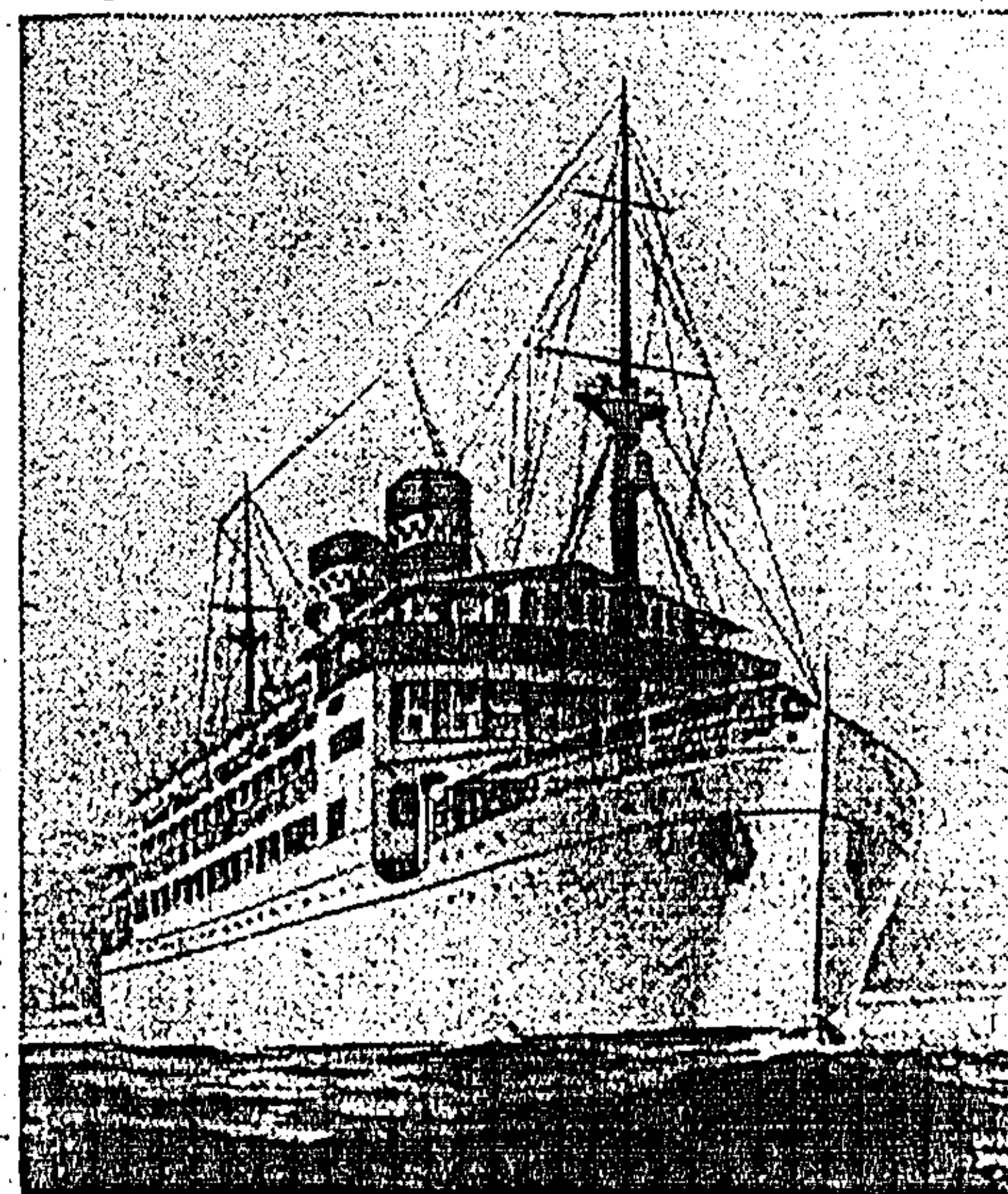
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Into the chill and horror-stricken atmosphere of Judge Franklyn Taylor's Brooklyn Court, investigating the fantastic reel of killings of an alleged "murder-by-contract" gang, there was suddenly tossed a legal spanner which brought all proceedings to an abrupt halt.

Unprecedented question of law, raised by defending counsel, concerned the beard of prisoner Harry (Pittsburg Phil) Strauss, described as the murder syndicate's "most vicious killer."

Former underworld dandy, Strauss has resolutely remained unshaven since June 1, when his two fellow gangsters, Harry Malone and Frank Abbando, were sentenced to the electric chair, rejects fiercely any efforts to shave him in prison.

Office of the District Attorney applied to the Court for an order directing the warden of Brooklyn prison to have Strauss shaven and to keep him that way until his trial for murder on September 9. Prosecution claim that gangster's beard is simply part of his plan to create an impression of insanity, and also to hide his identity.

Strauss's counsel replied with the legal argument that to force his client to shave would be a direct violation of his constitutional rights. He pointed out to the Court that if his client had been a thin man the Court would have no authority to force him to go on a diet, nor if he were fat could he be ordered to become fatter.

Judge Taylor suggested that if Strauss were a nudist the Court would certainly have the authority to direct that he should be properly clothed for his trial, if he was unwashed or unkempt he could be overpowered and given a bath. Defending counsel countered that this could only be done when the trial was called, and not during the time leading up to it.

Finally conceding that there was an arguable question of constitutional law involved, the judge reserved his decision, instructed both prosecution and defence to submit briefs giving any precedent they could find applicable to the legally troublesome beard of killer Strauss.

Later the same day the defence obtained writ of habeas corpus from Brooklyn's Supreme Court on grounds that Strauss's constitutional rights were being further violated because he was not allowed to have a psychiatrist of his own choice to determine his sanity.

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## GOOD ENTRIES FOR KOWLOON CHESS TOURNEY

A dozen entries had been received up to yesterday evening for the annual championships of the Kowloon Chess Club. Only 12 players competed last year, in two sections.

Among the better players, K.M.A. Barnett and K. Weiss have already sent in their entries.

Seven players of recognised senior standard have already notified the Hon. Secretary of their intention to play in the 1941

Tournament. In addition to Barnett and Weiss, they are A. Kurrik, B. D. Evans, P. Yvanovich, G. S. Coxhead and L. Karpovich. Others who may compete are W. Lee last year's Junior Champion, and B. S. Litvin, who won the Junior trophy in 1939.

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## STRANGE REPORT

A report in the "Industrial and Commercial Press" this morning, stated that the Japanese troops in the Shum-chun and Nam Tau areas are to be withdrawn on October 17, to be replaced with "puppet" forces.

The military authorities told the "China Mail" that they had received no such information.

Senior "A" and Senior "B" Section, it is understood also, one of two of the players who would normally compete for the Junior Championship will be invited to play in this section.

Junior players who have sent in their entries so far as A. Benjamin, S. Benjamin, J. H. D'Almeida, V. V. J. Kolatchoff and J. Walther.

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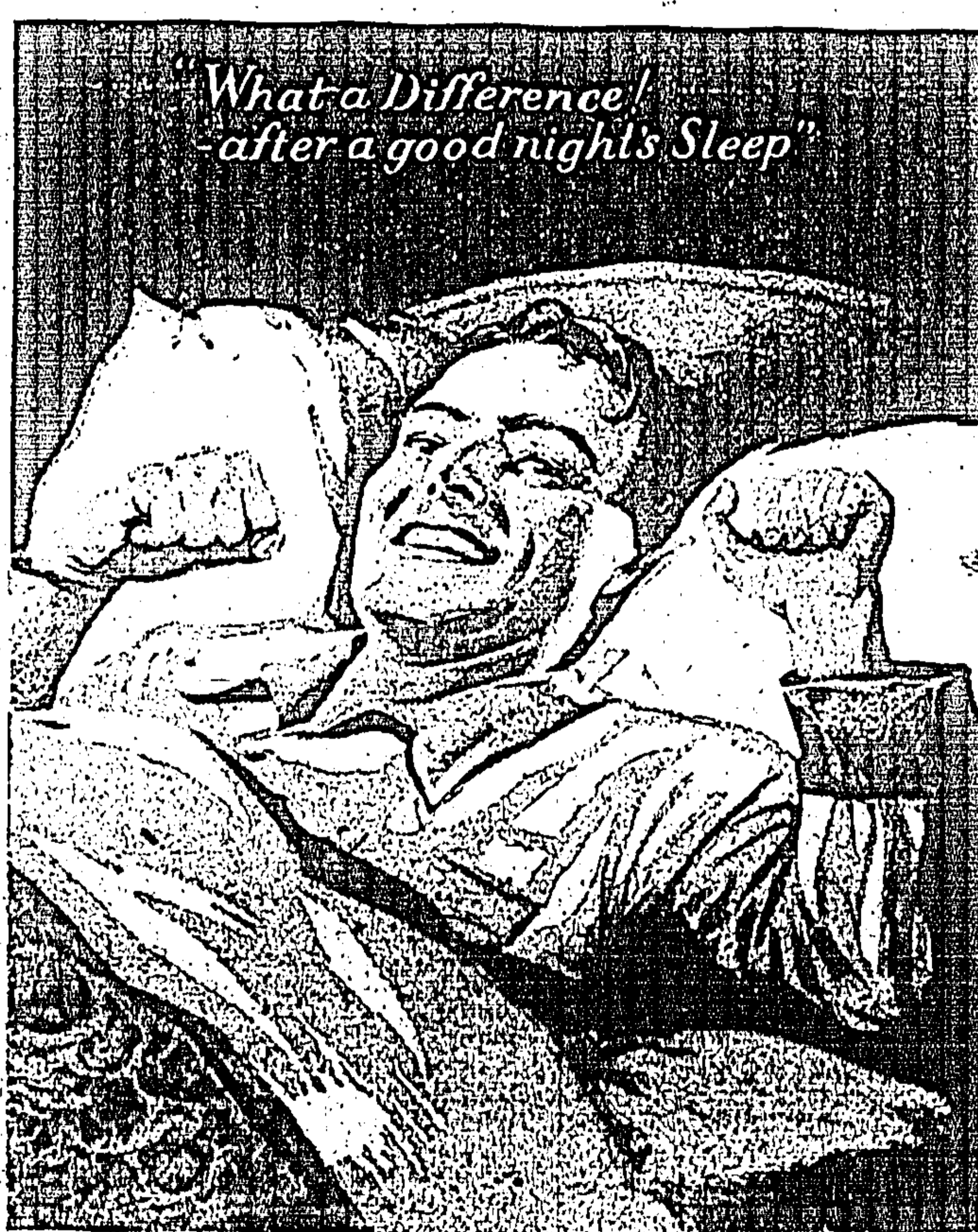
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# Chan Chun-Nam Breaks Four Distance Records In Two Days Establishes High Mark In First Marathon Event

## Chinese Aquatic Championships This Week

By "Natator"

THE OUTSTANDING aquatic achievement during last week was Chan Chun-nam's brilliant swim in the Colony Harbour race, when he lowered the 27-year-old record of 22 min. 26 secs., established by J. C. Finch, and which has withstood challenge annually. Although there was no doubt of the outcome of the race, excitement reached fever pitch towards the finish, when Chan was urged on by his fans to attempt on the record, which was still uncertain up to his last few strokes.

Immediately after this success he competed in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Championships and broke the National record for the 400 metres free-style. The next night he smashed another long distance record, the 1,500 metres free-style, held also by Yeung Wai-mok of Malaya, established at the National Meet in 1935.

Not content with these achievements, the next day he swam the Harbour marathon, sponsored by the Eastern Athletic Association, and won it in 23 min. 14-3/5 secs., a time which should stand competition for many more years to come.

Under ideal weather conditions, 14 men and five ladies started the Annual Harbour swim, last Friday, held under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club. From the beginning, Chan Chun-nam, Charles Huang, Yau Sai-kwan and Mak Wai-ming broke away from the field, Mak Wai-ming being the first to drop back. For almost 400 yards Charles Huang doggedly trailed Chan, closely challenging him, but eventually, he, too, had to drop back. Meanwhile, Yau Sai-kwan, who was placed second last year, was slowly creeping up to Huang, who sprinted again, and raced neck to neck with Yau. A side-ache caused Yau to slow down and he finished third. Lau Tai-ping, who was placed last year, disappointingly finished eighth.

The excellent condition of the sea also enabled the ladies to return good times, the times for the first two to finish being under Miss Doris Hunt's record of 28 min 50 secs., established in 1933. Celeste Guterres provided her supporters with a pleasant surprise, by finishing first and beating Miss Lee Po-luen, last year's champion, and hot favourite for this year.

Swimming with an American crawl stroke Miss Guterres led from the start, and although Miss Lee Po-luen, swimming breast-stroke all the way, crept up to her towards the end, she managed to maintain the lead by almost two body lengths.

### An Unfortunate Incident

Miss Lee Po-luen was most unfortunate in that she could not get a free passage way towards the end, when she attempted a sprint to challenge Miss Guterres, for although Guterres is generally recognised as the better swimmer, the finish might have been much closer.

Unintentional obstruction when mid-way, by some swimmers, also contributed much to her defeat. In a race of this nature, in which no definite course can be marked out for each swimmer, the right of way cannot be claimed. This may, however, be open to abuse, but it cannot be helped, it rests entirely upon the sporting spirit of the swimmers.

Whether a clear way is to be granted or not. Another factor which must also be taken into account, is that the current flowing at that particular time might throw all the swimmers into a bunch, when each swimmer has to fight for her or himself.

On this particular occasion, it was most unfortunate that the judges returned on the official launch to check up on the finish,

and the swimmers were thus left unsupervised.

### Interesting Events Cancelled At Chinese Y

Owing to insufficient entries for the open medley and free-style relays, the two items of main interest in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Championships had to be cancelled.

Results were fairly good and most of the events were won by members of the Lai Tsun Union.

The most outstanding performance during the Championships, has been Chan Chun-nam's performances in the long distance events of 400 and 1,500 metres, in which he shattered the National records for both events, and although these times were made under different conditions to those at the National Meet they are worthy of mention.

In the 1,500 metres, Chan lowered the mark by over a minute, which would place beyond doubt any questions of his inability to repeat the performance under the same conditions.

In the same Championships, Miss Ko Miu-ling also bettered the National mark for the 50 metres sprint by negotiating the distance in 35-2/5 secs.

During this year, two claims have been made of equalling Miss Yeung Sau-king's time of 36 secs. for the distance, the first being Miss Ko's attempt in the same pool about two months ago, and again by Miss Ho Wai-king during the Chinese Bathing Club Championships.

### Miss Sadick Joins Lai Tsun

Chinese Bathing Club has suffered a severe setback by Miss Lily Sadick's decision to quit swimming under their colours. Miss Sadick, besides holding the Colony backstroke title, is also the holder of the Federation title for that event. For several years she has been representing Chinese Bathing Club, and the reasons for her decision must be very good before she would have decided on this step.

It is also learnt that she has thrown in her lot with the Lai Tsun Union, and she is at present making Chinese Y.M.C.A. pool her training quarters, where she is practising daily in preparation for the coming Inter-port.

Lai Tsun officials have announced that she will represent their team, as from next year, but that she will be eligible for the Union's championships which will be held early next month.

She participated in the recent

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Championships, winning the back-stroke event from her only other competitor, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan, who will swim second string in the Inter-port. Miss Sadick's withdrawal from C.B.C. will seriously affect their medley relay trio, which includes the free-style champion Miss Ho Wai-man. As Miss Sadick will be hard to replace, their team, which so strongly challenged V.R.C. will be hard hit to bits.

### Eastern's First Championships

During the week-end, Eastern Athletic Association held their first annual championships, and chiefly due to the rough sea at North Point, where the contests were held, good results were not obtained.

The item of chief interest was the Harbour race, open to all Chinese in the Colony. The course of over a mile was a new one, and was never attempted before.

Battling his way through a rough sea, the untiring Chan Chun-nam won this event comfortably from his 27 other men competitors, in 23 mins 14-3/5 secs. to win his third long-distance title in three days.

Differing from his Colony Harbour swim, in which he took a straight course, Chan cut straight towards the shore, and finished along the coast. This strategy proved successful, for many of the swimmers who attempted the direct course found themselves washed too far away from the finishing mark, and had to make a detour.

Yau Sai-kwan kept plugging on behind Chan, but after 10 minutes, appeared to have been caught by the treacherous currents, and could make no headway for almost two minutes. Other swimmers to pass the same spot, also experienced similar difficulties. Kwok Chan-hang finished fourth, swimming breast-stroke all the way.

The Ladies' race, in which there were 10 entries, was a much closer affair, as the Misses Ho Wai-man, Woo Man-ying and Cheung Pui-chun were bunched in a group for almost all the way, and right up to a hundred yards away it was still not possible to determine the winner. Miss Ho Wai-man, however, finished in 30 mins. 28-4/5 secs. of swimming, closely followed by Miss Woo Man-ying only seven seconds later. Miss Lee Po-luen, Chinese long distance champion, did not swim. The 200 metres free-style relay race, open to Chinese clubs, was also interesting, not so much because of the competition offered to Eastern "A" team, which won easily, but for the good time of 1 min. 58-3/5 secs. in which the distance was covered.

Chu Fai-lam of Eastern "A" finished the first lap of 50 metres slightly ahead of Lam Ka-tung of C.B.C., whilst Shek Kam-pui splashed his way through the rough sea, and increased the lead to about five yards. From then on it was not a question of winning it in a record time, as Lee Foo-ke and Tommy Kew, their star sprinters, went into the water. Kew finished his last lap of 50 metres in 27-3/5 secs. which is quite good considering the adverse conditions.

In the Individual championships, Kwok Chan-hang, Colony Interporter, won the 200 metres breast-stroke event in 3 min. 4 secs.

Starting at a slow pace, he finished with his well-known last lap sprint, and beat his nearest rival, Tsu Kam-mun, by almost a bath-length.

Chu Fai-lam, also put up a good show in the 400 metres free-style, when he beat veteran Shek Kam-pui, hot favourite for the event.

The 50 and 100 metres sprints were most disappointing, as much better times were expected. In the former event, Kew was clocked at 29 secs., whilst Shek Kam-pui could have done better than 69 seconds for the 100-metres. The butterfly stroke, which the Eastern are promoting, was won by Shek Kam-pui, who took 40 seconds to finish 50 metres—a very poor time.

In the ladies' events, Miss Woo Man-ying gave a surprise per-

## "Rapier" Reviews Double Tenth Race Meeting

Favoured by ideal weather conditions, and with the track on the fast side, the "Double Tenth" Race Meeting, which concluded last Thursday, was, in every respect, an outstanding success. In fact, it would go so far as to say that it was undoubtedly the most enjoyable among the extra meetings this year.

Racing on the whole was keenly contested, and the large crowd of spectators had every reason to feel satisfied with the fare provided. A remarkable feature of this meeting can be found in the fact that favourites, with two notable exceptions, asserted themselves, with the result that only one pony paid more than \$20.00 for a win on the pari-mutuel.

Riding honours on Thursday were shared by Messrs. V. V. Needa, P. Y. T. Wei and H. C. Pih, who had two wins each. Mr. Needa started off by running away with the first two races, and it looked as if he was going to perform the "hat trick," but this eluded him when Confusion Bay suffered from a bad start in the "Double Tenth" Plate.

### Hillsboro Bay Wins

In the first race, the Yunnan Handicap (first section), which was contested from the two mile post distance, Hillsboro Bay (Mr. Needa) and Thirty Six (Mr. Hearne) shared the honours in the betting, with the former commanding a little stronger support. The ponies were sent away well together, but it soon became evident that Advancing Time (Mr. Chang) was bent on securing a big lead, which it failed to do, as Thirty Six kept doggedly behind, with Mr. Needa content to keep Hillsboro Bay slightly behind. Shortly before rounding the bend, Thirty Six shot forward to take the lead, and so well was it running that a win seemed indicated, but coming through on the outside Hillsboro Bay made its challenge felt and had no difficulty in winning after passing Thirty Six at the mile post. Advancing Time did well to secure third position, two lengths behind Thirty Six.

### Venus Bay's Success

The second race, the Canberra Plate for Australian ponies of this season, over the mile distance, was a rattling good race to watch. Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) and Cheerful Star (Mr. Hearne) commanded practically all the support between them, with the former in the lead, and they finished accordingly to the order of betting. After some difficulty the starter got the ponies away, and it was seen that

performance, by giving Miss Cheung Pui-chun a good fight in the 100 metre breast-stroke event.

Miss Woo Man-ying is only in her first year of competition, and is under the coaching of Kwok Chan-hang, breast-stroke specialist.

### No Federation Aquatics This Year

The Chinese Aquatic Championships, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, has not obtained many entries up to date. South China and the Chinese Bathing Club being the only two clubs to have sent in entries. In view of this, it is understood that a slight extension time will be given. Hints for the various events will be held at South China to-morrow evening.

The events are all on the lines of the National Meet, and in view of the fact that there is no likelihood of the Federation holding their Championships this year, this contest will be regarded in the light of an all Chinese Championship affair. This competition is run under the joint management of the three major Chinese club that withdrew from the Federation early this year.

Venus Bay had got jammed in, but it soon got into its stride, although remaining behind most of the way. Here again, as in the previous race, Mr. Hearne came up strongly on coming down the straight, and Cheerful Star certainly had a good chance of winning, but Venus Bay had plenty in reserve, and, with Mr. Needa timing his last-minute challenge beautifully, it won with a little to spare. Quick Despatch (Mr. Trevorton) took the other minor position.

### Li Stable's Triumph

Then came the main event of the day, the "Double Tenth" Plate, over the distance from the 1 1/4 mile post. Despite its heavy burden of 168 lb. Confusion Bay (Mr. Needa) carried the most money, with Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei) and Dupont Bay (Mr. Sung) following well behind. Hardly had the ponies gone a hundred yards, after the rise of the barrier, than it became evident that the finish was going to be fought out between Distinctive Time, Eve of Heaven (Mr. Black) and Dupont Bay, and they finished in that order.

Confusion Bay did not enjoy a good start, but it is not a fast mover and the pony requires a little longer distance before it can settle down to a race. In this particular instance, it was left well behind, and the finish revolved into a struggle between the ponies named above, all of them carrying only 140 lb.

Coming into the straight Distinctive Time commanded a slight lead, and, despite the stern challenges which Eve of Heaven and Dupont Bay put up, Mr. Wei ran out the winner. The time clocked was 1.02, which equalled the record for this distance, but this could not be officially recognised as Distinctive Time ran well below weight for inches.

### First Win At Valley

The finish in the fourth race, the Hunan Handicap (first section) over 1 1/4 miles, was really tame, Eve of Hunting winning without being seriously challenged. This pony provided Mr. Craven with his first success in local racing. Portrush, ridden by Mr. Chang, cracked up a fast pace, so much so that at one time it was leading by well over 10 lengths, but it was overhauled before reaching the Rock. It was at this stage that Eve of Hunting asserted itself, and once it got in front its win was assured. Mr. S. C. Liang tried his best on Phoenix, but to no avail, as Eve of Hunting simply romped home an easy winner, with Clowner (Mr. Chao) taking third place.

### Sapper's Defeat

Anticipations of an epic struggle were not fully justified in the fifth race, the Diamond Bay Handicap over one mile for "A" Class Australian ponies, which was also the first leg of the Daily Double. Nevertheless, the finish provided quite a thrilling spectacle. It was not surprising to see that Sapper (Mr. Black) commanded the lion's share in the betting, followed by Far View (Mr. Pih), and these two furnished the fighting finish. Hardly had the ponies been lined up together than the barrier was released, and at that moment Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei) jumped in front, with Far View also in a good position, but Sapper, unable to get through, had to remain many lengths behind. Be-

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## INTERNATIONAL BOWLS

Following is the draw for the First and Second Round of the International Shield lawn bowls championship:

**First Round**  
China v Philippines  
India v Portugal  
Ireland v Malaya  
These matches will be played at the Kowloon F.C. on Sunday, October 20, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

**Second Round**  
England v Wales  
Ireland or Malaya v Switzerland  
Scotland v India or Portugal  
China or Philippines v Australia  
These games will be played on Saturday, October 26, at the Craigengower at the same time.

**Semi-finals**  
The semi-finals will be played on Sunday, October 27, on a ground to be decided.

**AITKENHEAD SHIELD**  
Captains for the Aitkenhead Shield match this year will be F. Goodwin (Kowloon) and J. Deakin (Hong Kong). The composition of the two sides will be made up from the following Clubs:

Hong Kong:—C.C.C. (8), C.S.C.C. (7), H.K.F.C. (7), Police (7), Electric (12), Talkoo (4), H.K.C.C. (2), P.O.C. (5), I.R.C. (6).  
Kowloon:—Recreio (12), K.B.G.C. (12), K.C.C. (8), K. Docks (4), K. Tong (4), K.F.C. (8).

## TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following is to-day's programme for the Quarter-Finals of the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship:—

**AT KOWLOON F.C.**  
C. C. Pereira v M. R. Abbas  
W. J. Howard v F. J. Jones

## "RAPIER" REVIEWS DOUBLE TENTH RACE MEETING

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fore going up the incline, Mr. Black sent Sapper forward with a great burst of speed, and this naturally took quite a good deal of energy out of the pony. Lancashire Chips was still leading on coming into the straight, but it was soon passed by Far View; then from the outside came Sapper, but it had to catch up far too much lost ground; and, although it managed to beat Lancashire Chips, Sapper had to admit defeat, though with another few lengths to the result might very well have been different.

## Easy For Favourite

The sixth race, the Yunnan Handicap (second section) over the two mile post distance, provided a rather tame finish, with Victoria (Mr. Pih) securing its first win so far. On the previous occasion when it started, Victoria was well-backed and lost, but in this race punters made pretty well sure that they had their money on the right pony, with the result that it commanded no less than 2,489 tickets for a win. There is nothing much over which one could feel enthusiastic over this race, as once Victoria got in front it went on to win without any opposition whatever. Mr. Needa tried hard on Galveston Bay, but even then it was actually three lengths behind Blue Gate (Mr. Chao) for third position.

## Mr. Wei's Hard Riding

In comparison, the finish of the seventh race, the Hunan Handicap (second section) over 1 1/4 miles, was quite exciting. Here again the betting public made the right choice, as the ultimate winner carried no less than 2,407 tickets to win. Jack O'Lantern (Mr. Barrow) made the running earlier on, but the result was fought out between Piet Hein (Mr. Wei) and Bressay (Mr. Hearne), with Gold Coin (Mr. Tang) making an unavailing effort. Piet Hein and Bressay were at it hammer and tongs right up to the last 50 yards, but with supreme effort Mr. Wei got his mount ahead by half a length.

## Belated Start

The last race of the day, the Antomba Handicap for "C" Class Australian ponies over the two mile post distance, was good to watch, but the finish did not provide a keen struggle. Had Piccadilly Jim not suffered from a belated start, in which it lost much valuable ground, it would have made the finish more interesting. With several ponies bunched together, it was difficult to see which one was actually leading, but it was noticed that before rounding the end Shuttlecock (Mr. Hearne) had got up with a sharp burst, coming into the straight it was well ahead, and it looked as if it was going to win; but Brown Derby (Mr. Black), coming up on the outside, fought gamely on, and slowly but surely it overhauled Shuttlecock and went on to win by 1 1/4 lengths, with Piccadilly Jim taking third place.

## GOOD R.A.O.C. BATTING

Solid batting by Stonor, Pinder, Reynolds and Jeffery and good bowling by Emberson enabled Royal Army Ordnance Corps to beat Royal Army Pay Corps by 34 runs in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo on Sunday.

Store, Ingleby and Hemming batted well for the "Pay Blokes."

### R.A.O.C.

Eridge, b Pinkey	3
Meekings, b Ingleby	1
Stonor, c and b Chalcraft	19
Pinder, retired	50
Reynolds, b Pinkey	26
Jeffery, b Pinkey	20
Boocock, not out	9
Extras (W2, LB2, B3)	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>135</b>
Hawkins, Standing, Emberson and Gardner did not bat.	

## GOLF RESULTS

In the October qualifying round of the Adamson Cup competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, A.E. Clarke, with a score of 80-11=69 qualified. There were nine entries.  
F.D. Hunter (1) won the Bogey (Par) Pool played over the old Course at Fanling on October 10 by 2 up. There were 10 entries.

### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ingleby	9	1	31	1
Pinkey	8	0	49	3
Bedford	3	1	10	0
Chalcraft	3	0	29	1
Smart	1	0	9	0

### R.A.P.C.

Pendergast, c Bridge, b Emberson	4
Stone, b Hawkins	34
Carlson, b Emberson	0
Adlam, c Boocock, b Emberson	0
Chalcraft, b Emberson	0
Ingleby, c Jeffery, b Boocock	27
Hemming, c Jeffery, b Standing	23
Pinkey, c Reynolds, b Standing	11
Bedford, c Pinder, b Reynolds	1
Smart, not out	0
Lybe, b Reynolds	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>

### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Boocock	8	1	38	1
Emberson	5	0	24	4
Hawkins	5	0	25	1
Standing	3	0	11	2
Reynolds	1	0	3	2

## WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the football fixtures for the week-end:—

SATURDAY	
First Division	
Eastern v Kowloon	(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Middlesex v South China	(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Second Division	
Service Corps v Club	(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)
Middlesex v South China	(Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)
Kowloon v Navy	(Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)
30th R.A. v Kit Chee	(Military, 3.15 p.m.)
Third Division	
20th R.A. v 24th R.A.	(Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)
36th R.A. v Service Corps	(St. Joseph's, 3.15 p.m.)
Shell v 35th R.A.	(Military, 3.00 p.m.)
R.A.F. v Engineers	(Chatham, 3.15 p.m.)
12th R.A. v Signals	(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)
SUNDAY	
First Division	
Sing Tao v Navy	(Club, 4.30 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v Police	(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
R. Scots v Kwong Wah	(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Second Division	
Sing Tao v Ordnance	(Club, 3.15 p.m.)
Engineers v Police	(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)

## SOFTBALL LEAGUE DIVISIONS

Following are the allocation of teams in the Softball League which starts on Sunday.

### FIRST DIVISION

Canadian Chinese, Chinese Baseball Club, Cyclones, Filipino Club, Hong Kong Baseball Club, Indian Baseball Club, Recreio "A" and St. Joseph's.

### SECOND DIVISION

Chung Hwa, Central British Association, Cosmopolitans, Liga Portuguesa, Recreio "B", Air Force, Engineers, Royal Scots, South China and Victoria Recreation Club.

Teams in the First Division will play each other twice. All Senior games will be played at Kowloon Football Club and Junior games at the Central British Association ground.

A meeting of the Management Committee of the Softball League will be held to-day at Filipino Club at 6 p.m.

R. Scots v Kwong Wah (Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)  
Third Division  
International v 7th R.A. (Chatham Road, 3.15 p.m.)  
A.S.A. v R.A.M.C. (Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)

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## JAPANESE CAUGHT NAPPING

Three batches of Japanese aircraft, totalling 39 machines, raided Eastern Szechuen on Sunday afternoon, bombing Liangshan, to the north-east of Chungking.

Fourteen Japanese aeroplanes are reported to have been destroyed when mobile Chinese artillery, taking the Japanese by surprise, suddenly shelled the Japanese airfield at Ichang on Sunday morning, according to field despatches.—Reuter.

## CHINESE VICTORY AT MATANG

After recapturing Matang on the south bank of the Yangtze River, Chinese forces have occupied the strategic hills around the town in an attempt to consolidate their hold on the vital Yangtze port, according to Chinese reports in Chungking.

Paotashan, north of Matang, Mopanshan, to the north-east, and Pengtseh are said to have fallen into Chinese hands.

Meanwhile, a strong Chinese column, it is claimed, has occupied Yangchiashan, Tangshan and Tingshan, south-west of Pengtseh.

The Chinese press gives prominence to reports of the Chinese victory in southern Anhwei.

THE GRANT OF NAVAL and air base facilities has been discussed between the United States and various South American countries.

This was indicated by Mr. Cordell Hull at his press conference yesterday when answering questions concerning the report that Brazil and Chile had agreed to lease naval and air bases to the United States.

Mr. Hull said that there had been no question of a change of sovereignty and added that discussions were proceeding regarding all phases of hemisphere defence.

Any talk relating to facilities, resources or methods was within the scope of the Havana and Panama Inter-American conferences.

Answering questions concerning reported delays in concluding leases for the air and naval bases recently acquired from Britain, Mr. Cordell Hull said he had heard of no obstruction on the part of anyone concerned.

He added it was his impression that any delays in concluding technical and legal formalities connected with the leases, would not deter the actual construction of the bases.—Reuter.

## NAZI TRADE AGREEMENT

A TRADE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN SOFIA YESTERDAY BETWEEN BULGARIAN AND GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES.

The agreement will run until next April. A supplementary agreement covers the German occupied countries, Poland, Holland, Norway and Belgium.

In future, all payments between these countries and Bulgaria will be settled through Berlin with German marks.—Reuter.

## THEFT IN SHIP

Mr. Sullivan, chief engineer on board a ship at Kowloon Docks, has reported the theft from his cabin of a wallet, wrist-watch and three silver badges.

where — in a battle lasting from October 5 to October 11 — the Japanese are said to have suffered 7,000 casualties.

Japanese troops which reached Chinghsien, near Ningkuo, were surrounded by the Chinese forces.

Part of the Japanese forces, it is declared, pushed southward on Sunday along the Chingyi River, but were intercepted by the Chinese on the river banks, with the result that the Japanese in the area north-east of Chinghsien and those on the banks of the Chingyi River were wiped out after six days of desperate fighting.—Reuter.

## DRIVE FOR WAR WEAPONS

British cities are competing in friendly rivalry during the present week which has been called "War Weapons Week" to provide, by voluntary effort, the cost of material essential to assist the armed forces to carry on the war.

The City of Manchester aims at raising £10,000,000 — the cost of a battleship, while of £8,000,000 aimed at by Birmingham, £4,500,000 was subscribed before the campaign actually opened.

Performing the opening ceremony in Birmingham, Mrs. Winston Churchill said that the devastation and ruin which had been caused by enemy bombs had aroused nothing but anger in our breasts at the ruthless methods which Nazi Germany was adopting.

Underlying our sorrow and sympathy, there was determination to fight, work and live for victory, and those who had suffered the most were the ones most resolved.

Our determination to end German aggression for all time had been strengthened by the raids on London.—British Wireless.

## CHUNGKING CUTS OUT CARS

IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE CONSUMPTION OF PETROL, THE AUTHORITIES HAVE CUT DOWN THE NUMBER OF MOTOR CARS IN CHUNGKING TO 200.

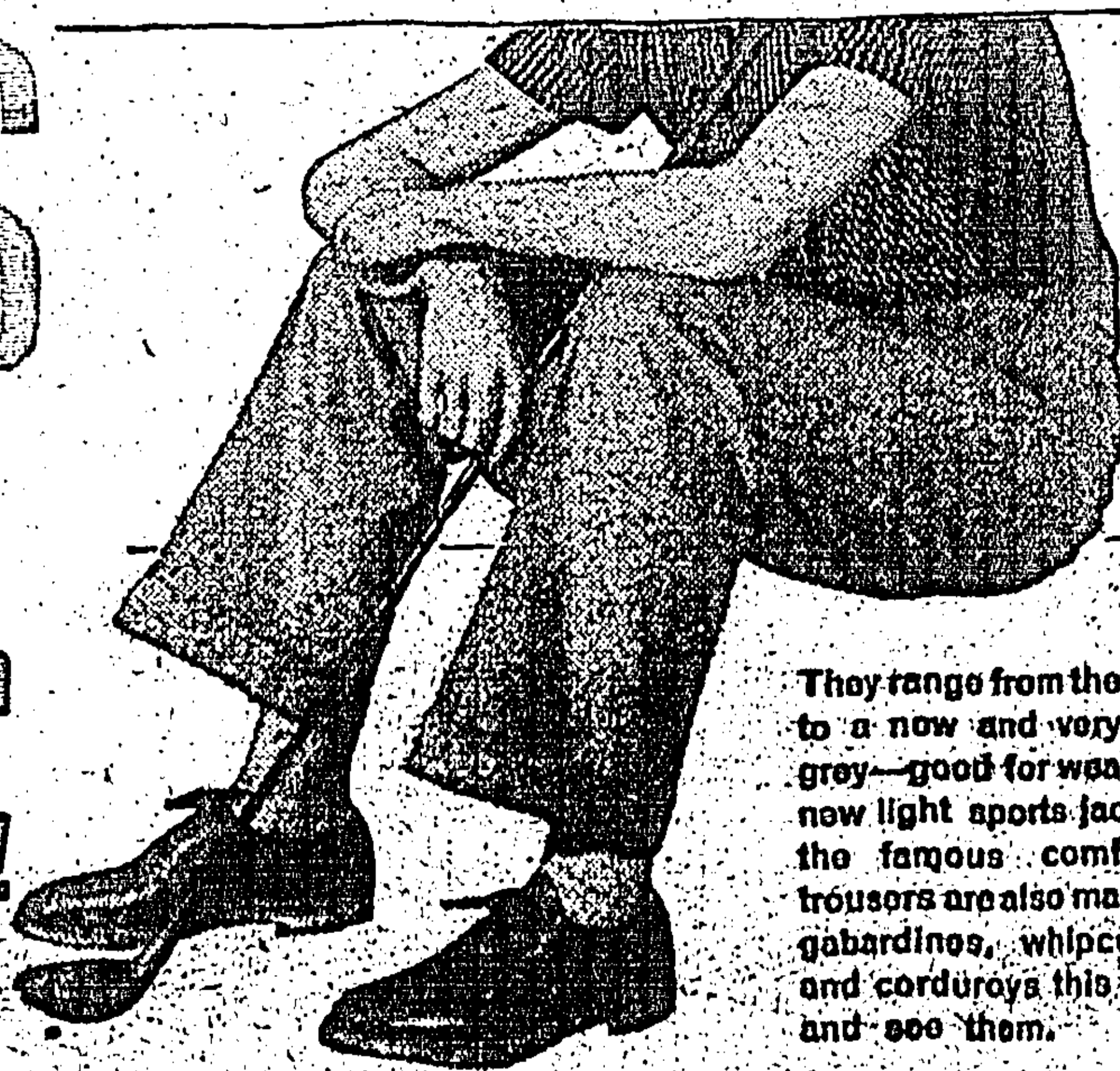
In November, 1937, when the Government offices moved to Chungking from Nanking, the total number of cars in Chungking exceeded 2,000.

Each Government office is allowed only one car for the use of its superior officials.—Reuter.

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## APPEASEMENT BY U.S. 'OUT'

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### WASHINGTON REFUSING ALL PASSPORTS

The State Department is now refusing passports to would-be travellers to Japan, North and South China, Indo-China and Hong Kong.

The ban applies to all women and children, without exception, and to all men unless absolute necessity can be shown. Several passports recently granted are to be taken up before the holders can sail.—Reuter.

### Stiffened Attitude Not A Stunt

IF ANYONE IN THE FAR EAST SHOULD THINK THAT THE STIFFENING OF THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS JAPAN IS AN "ELECTION STUNT," THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE SURPRISED, ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED WASHINGTON CIRCLES, FOR IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE PRESENT FIRMNESS WILL INCREASE RATHER THAN DIMINISH AFTER NOVEMBER 5 — "ELECTION DAY."

President Roosevelt's speech at Dayton, Ohio, is interpreted everywhere by the press as a clear statement that appeasement is "out," and America recognises the danger of the aggressor nations being allowed to pick off the others one by one.

Japan, having aligned herself officially with the European aggressors, must be prepared to face the same policy from the United States as her Axis friends.

### MORE SHIPS BEING SENT FOR EVACUATION

The Matson liner Monterey will sail from San Francisco for the Far East at noon on Tuesday with instructions from the U.S. Maritime Commission to evacuate American nationals.

Another Matson ship—the Mariposa—will turn back from Honolulu on its arrival from Sydney and sail for the Far East on October 30 on a similar special voyage for evacuation purposes.—Reuter.

### ANXIETY GROWS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Shanghai Americans are wondering over the reports that the large liners Washington and Manhattan are due in the Far East to evacuate Americans.

Many believe that this is an indication of a far more serious situation in the Far East than was thought earlier.

A general survey reveals that a large number of Shanghai Americans have packed their belongings and are preparing to leave, although many still think "nothing will happen."

A circular has been sent out by the American consulate advising U.S. residents of Shanghai to evacuate.—Havas.

### FRENCH AUTHOR A PRISONER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Andre Malraux, the noted French Leftist author, was captured during the recent hostilities and is now a prisoner of war. Two of his most famous books were "Condition Humaine," which dealt with incidents in Shanghai in 1927, and "Hope," which was written during the Spanish war.—Havas.

### U.S. 'PLANES TO PROTECT THE BURMA ROAD?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CONCERNED LEST Japanese bombers make the Burma Road impassable after its re-opening, the United States is considering the release of a fleet of bombers and fighters to China to protect the route.

The planes in question were sold by their manufacturers to Sweden, but remained in Washington undelivered due to the British blockade.

### AMERICAN EVACUATION SPEED-UP

The Matson Line, after a conference with Maritime Commission officials, announces that the liner Monterey will sail for the Orient to-day via Australia to evacuate Americans.

The Mariposa, now in the South Seas, will turn around when she reaches Honolulu on October 30 and also go to the Orient.

Both are fitted out with extra food and cots and each will carry 4,000 evacuees.—INS.

#### Washington Sailing

The Transatlantic liner "Washington," which is to take part in the evacuation of Americans from the Far East, will leave New York for the Far East, via Panama, on Saturday.

The "Washington," "Monterey" and "Mariposa" can between them accommodate about 3,000 evacuees.—Reuter.

Government acquisition of the planes is expected shortly under the act President Roosevelt signed on Friday last authorising the acquisition of any undelivered war materials when considered necessary for national defence.

A dozen belligerent and non-belligerent nations are bidding for the planes.—INS.

### ANOTHER JAPANESE SUBSIDY

The Japanese Ministry of Commerce and Industry has decided to grant subsidies totalling Yen 200,000 for the manufacture of ferro-manganese alloys from low-grade ores, in order to encourage the production of these metals.

Manufacturers will be qualified when their products contain between 60 and 80 per cent manganese.—Havas.

### BLACK SEA INCIDENT SETTLED

An incident which occurred a few days ago and during which a Rumanian coast guard cutter was torpedoed by a Soviet patrol boat has now been satisfactorily settled. It is announced in Bucharest.—Havas.

Reports from Tokyo that the dispatch of liners to take off Americans in the Orient has caused consternation in the Tokyo press, leave official Washington circles unmoved, because obviously there is no bluff behind American policy.

That Japan must attempt come stepping backward seems clear to Far Eastern circles in Washington, for, it is believed, Japan's fundamental policy must be never to get into war with America, a war which must be suicidal for a country so dependent on imports for essential raw materials.

No one believes Japan is likely to make any move either against America or Britain now that London and Washington obviously present a solid though informal Anglo-American front in the Far East.

### CHANGE OF TUNE

Newspaper commentators point out that American firmness produced a change of tune in Tokyo within 24 hours.

Comment made in Washington is typical.

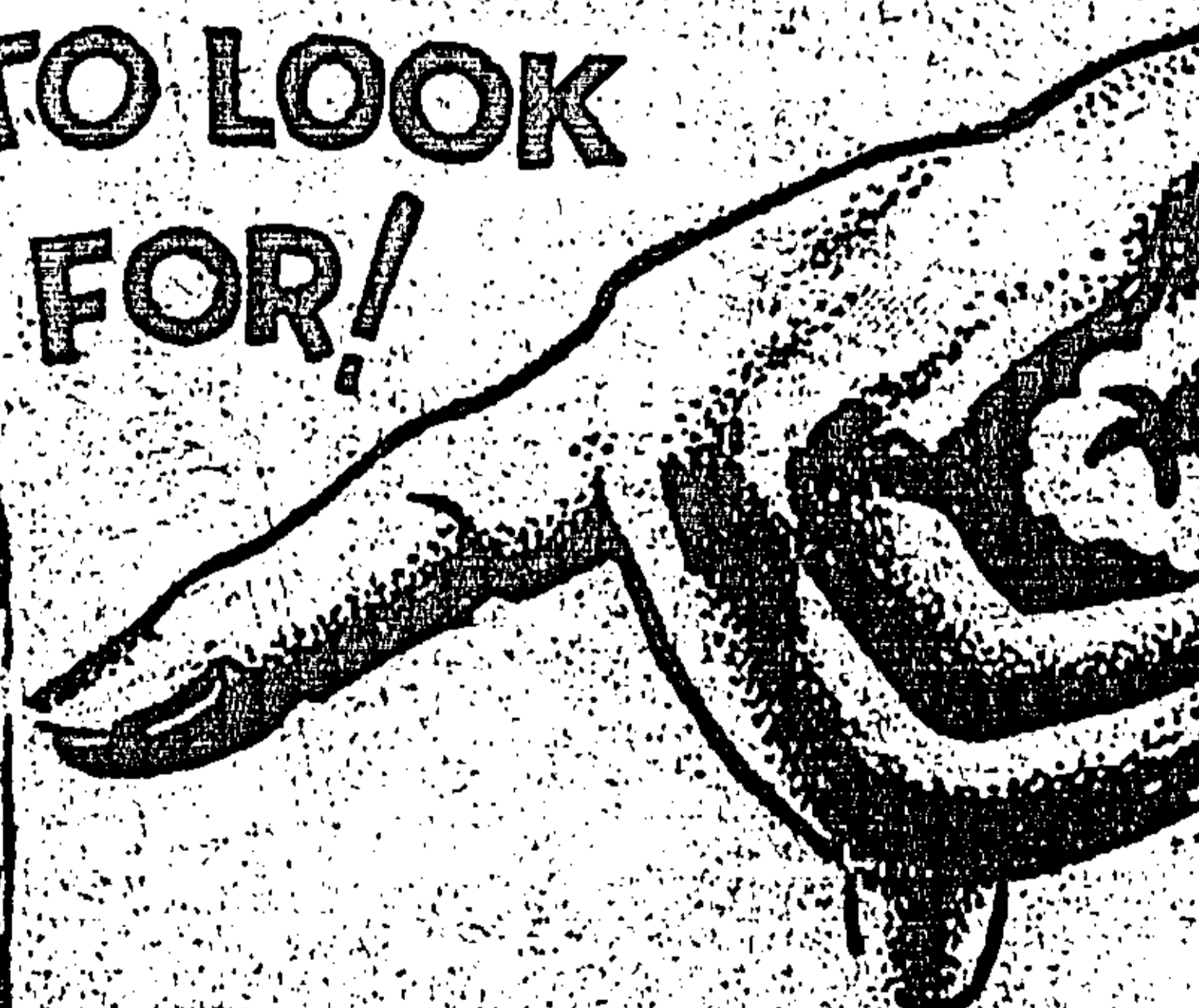
"Yakichiro Suma, who has been breathing threats of war, suddenly began to coo for peace and amity, while Matsuoaka, who boasted 'The Axis Pact means we must fight to maintain the status quo in the Pacific' hastily explained that the pact is not aimed at this country after all."

It is feared, however, that Japanese militarists, fearful of taking action against Britain or the United States, will vent their wrath on Indo-China and completely occupy that country, where, it is reported, morale is completely broken and no resistance is likely.

Indo-China, it is understood, did appeal to the United States for aid, some while ago, but vacillations followed, and with the best will in the world, American aid can hardly be forthcoming for a country which refuses to help itself.—Reuter.

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# Soviet Holding Firm To Molotov Neutrality Theme

## GERMAN NAVAL BASE ON BLACK SEA?

A German Naval Mission is expected in Bucharest to-day, presumably in connection with the construction of a naval base near Constanza.

According to German circles in Bucharest, there will shortly be ten German divisions in Rumania. — Reuter.

## CARGO VANISHES

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF 20 CASES OF MOTOR-CAR ACCESSORIES FROM A SHIP SAILING BETWEEN HAIPHONG AND HONG KONG WAS REPORTED LAST NIGHT TO THE POLICE BY MR. T. P. LEE, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SHANGHAI BRANCH OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY.

Mr. Lee stated that the 20 cases were shipped from Hong Kong to Haiphong on September 21, but for certain reasons, the goods were re-shipped to Hong Kong.

The ship arrived in harbour on Friday but the cases were not on board. The goods were valued at \$4,000.

## Reticent On Events In Balkans

THAT NEUTRALITY remains the cornerstone of Soviet policy, as has so often been asserted by M. Molotov, is again affirmed by the Moscow Press.

The reiteration is made in the course of editorial comment upon the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance, and all the leading organs follow the same lines, indicating official inspiration.

It is noteworthy that "Pravda" the other day devoted three columns to a review of the Soviet edition of Bismarck's Memoirs and referred to his insistence that there were no historical contradictions between Russia and Prussia.

In regard to Soviet-Japanese relations, both Molotov and Matsukata have expressed a desire to bring about an improvement.

### Balkans Reticence

There remains the question of the Balkans. Official spokesmen, in their talks with the Press, have been reticent about recent developments there, confining themselves to reiteration of the New York despatch stating that German troops have arrived in Rumania.

The Soviet is, however, interested in the Balkans and especially the Danube, as shown by the Note of September 10 in which the Soviet Government drew the attention of Germany to the fact that the Soviet Union was not indifferent to alterations in the Danube international navigation regulations. President Roosevelt's speech at Daytona is published in the Moscow Press without comment. — Reuter.

## NAZI TROOP MOVEMENT RUMOURS

Reports that German troops are being sent to Bulgaria are denied in an inspired statement issued by the German News Agency last night.

These reports are attributed to British propaganda whose "tendency is to disturb peace, spread disquiet and cause sabotage in South-East Europe."

The statement also denies that any negotiations on the subject are proceeding between Germany and Bulgaria. — Reuter.

## ABYSSINIA AERODROME BOMBED

THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE ADMINISTERED A SEVERE POUNDING TO THE YAVELLO AERODROME IN ABYSSINIA ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

A Cairo communique states that heavy and incendiary bombs fell among the hangars and aerodrome buildings and a machine-gun post was quickly silenced.

Other South African aircraft made numerous reconnaissances over enemy territory on Saturday and Sunday. All machines returned safely. — Reuter.

## HOPES OF BETTER FAR EAST SITUATION

On the Stock Exchange in London yesterday, Far Eastern bonds were stronger on hopes of improvement of the international situation.

Gilt-edged securities were mainly higher while home industrial were narrowly irregular. Gold and silver were quietly steady, and elsewhere changes were few. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.



LONDON BOMBED — In the South-western suburbs of London, showing an off-licence shop proprietor who is carrying on as usual since his business premises were wrecked. (Copyright Fox.)

## HITLER HAS MET WITH MAJOR DEFEAT

— AND NOT WITH GENERAL BLUFF

THE IMPORTANCE of the "Battle for Britain" as a setback for German plans, was emphasised by Major George Fielding Eliot, the United States air expert, broadcasting from Philadelphia, when he said,

"While immediate attention is now centred on the confused events in the Balkan Peninsula, the very fact that Germany is now proceeding in the scene of South-East Europe raises the question whether the Battle for Britain is being abandoned by Germany — whether the issue is not a clearcut victory for the British and particularly for the R.A.F.

"The evidence seems to many minds quite clear—that in this Battle for Britain, Hitler has at last met with a major defeat.

"For the first time, he has had to turn back from a venture upon which he had set forth with every prospect of success. For the first time he has made boasts and announced intentions which he has been unable to make good.

"Naturally every effort will be made by the Germans to distract the attention of the world and the American people from this tremendous fact.

"The failure of the Germans to achieve air superiority over Britain made the invasion of that island a hopeless project. The Axis is now compelled to repeat the whole plan of the war and no man would now be bold enough to say what the result will be.

"A long war has been precisely the sort of war that neither Ger-

many nor Italy was prepared to fight. As far as the war in the air is concerned, the German mass production plan has failed." — British Wireless.

## GERMANS IN LIBYA

NAZI CIRCLES IN BERLIN NOW ADMIT THE PRESENCE OF GERMAN SOLDIERS WITH THE ITALIAN TROOPS IN NORTH AFRICA. AND CLAIM THAT THEY ARE "SHOCK TROOPS."

The number of men is not revealed, but they are said to form an experimental corps to gain knowledge which will guide the future use of German troops in the tropics. — Reuter.

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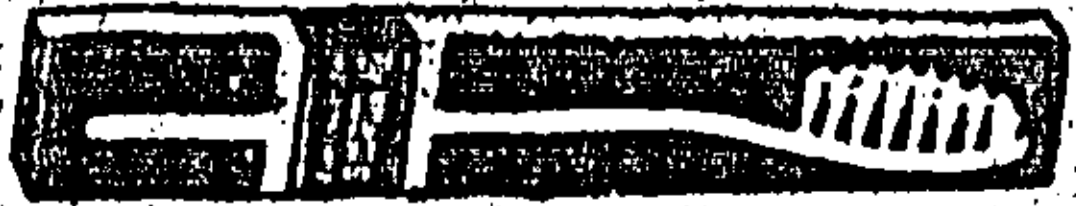
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# MASSES OF GERMAN TROOPS PASS BUDAPEST

## "Dagger Deep Into Flank Of Soviet"

IT IS BELIEVED in unofficial circles in Budapest that the German occupation of Rumania will be considerably extended this week.

Columns of German troops en route to Rumania passed the outskirts of Budapest at the week-end.

The equivocal attitude by Germany towards Hungary is considered to be indicated by the disappointment of Hungarian hopes that the remainder of Transylvania would be added to the areas already ceded by Rumania at the Axis dictation.

Harshness of the terms of the commercial agreement just concluded between Germany and Hungary has also startled the Hungarians.

This agreement is believed to settle the scale of Hungarian exports to Germany for the next three years.—Reuter.

### 70 Britons Leave

Forty members of the British colony in Bucharest and 30 members of the British Legation in Rumania left yesterday by train for Istanbul.

The British Minister is still in Bucharest.

Another 3,000 German troops arrived at Galatz on Sunday night. Most of them are men connected with anti-aircraft units.

The total number of German troops now in Rumania is estimated to be around 30,000.

As is to be expected, the Berlin press is full of jubilation over how once again Germany "re-installed" a British move to seize control of Rumania.

### Italians Also

In addition to the German troops building a base at the Rumanian port of Mamaia, it is now reported that Italian engineers are expected shortly at Constanza to begin the construction of a seaplane base.

### Soviet Interested

Commenting on the German push into Rumania, the Turkish newspaper "Tam" says that most important factor to prevent the Germans from even dreaming of a route to the south-east through Anatolia is the presence of invincible Turkish forces on the frontier.

The paper also suggests that Soviet Russia will not allow the Dardanelles to pass into other hands.

A Bucharest report says that Soviet Russia is "taking precautionary measures" in Bessarabia and northern Bukovina.

### Serious View Taken In Turkey

"The Axis Powers have begun a large-scale movement, the ends of which are still unknown, but the first phase of which has been devoted to placing a barrier between Russia and the field of events."

This is the comment of the Istanbul newspaper "Tenzabab," which adds:

"By the occupation of Rumania, Germany has reached the Black Sea and has pushed herself like a dagger into the flank of the Soviet Union."

"From that fact one may deduce that the Axis contemplate raising questions in which the Soviet Union is very closely interested."

"It is evident that these questions can only be the Balkans, Istanbul, and the Straits."—Reuter.

## NAZI TRADE AGREEMENT

A TRADE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN SOFIA YESTERDAY BETWEEN BULGARIAN AND GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES.

The agreement will run until next April. A supplementary agreement covers the German occupied countries, Poland, Holland, Norway and Belgium.

In future, all payments between these countries and Bulgaria will be settled through Berlin with German marks.—Reuter.

## AIR MAIL SERVICE SUSPENDED

The Hong Kong/Bangkok air mail services have again been suspended owing to the situation in Indo-China. It is hoped, however, to recommence operations in about a fortnight's time.

## "FOR THE CHILDREN"

PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SENT TO CANADA UNDER THE CHILDRENS OVERSEAS RECEPTION BOARD SCHEME ARE TO BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY OF SPEAKING DIRECT TO GIRLS AND BOYS IN THE DOMINION.

Princess Elizabeth's message inaugurated at the week-end a new weekly programme in the B.B.C. North American service called "For The Children."

In part of this programme each week, children from every part of Britain will be given a chance of hearing their parents' voices and it hoped to be possible to let the children know in advance that some-one from their own district will be speaking to them in the next week's programme.—British Wireless.

## STRANGE REPORT

A report in the "Industrial and Commercial Press" this morning, stated that the Japanese troops in the Shum-chun and Nam Tau areas are to be withdrawn on October 17, to be replaced with "puppet" forces.

The military authorities told the "China Mail" that they had received no such information.

# IMPORTANT RUSSO-TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IMPORTANT AND significant Russo-Turkish diplomatic conversations are under way with regard to Germany's military moves in Rumania, according to an Istanbul despatch.

Anglo/Rumanian tension has reached the "explosives" stage, Iron Guards having fired several hundred shots at the Bucharest residence of the British Air-Attache, Lord Forbes, and Mr. Reed, First Secretary of the Legation.

According to Turkish advices, Turkey is sounding out the Russians as to what support may be expected if Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia form a defensive pact to resist any Nazi drive in the Balkans.

It is considered significant that a recent Turkish press warning of "2,000,000 bayonets" to meet any German threat to Turkey came on the heels of a meeting of the Turkish Premier and the Russian Ambassador.

With reports of Russian troop concentrations on the Rumanian frontier, these developments are interpreted as a clear indication that the Soviets do not approve the German moves in Rumania.

### New Tension

Turkey has added new tension to the Balkan situation by serving notice through H. Suphi Tanriover, the Turkish Minister in Bucharest, that she will fulfil her obligations to Greece and warning Turkish nationals to prepare to leave Rumania by November 1.

## THAILAND'S CLAIMS REJECTED

A flat refusal to consider any territorial claims put forward by Thailand is contained in an official statement issued last night in Vichy.

At the same time, the assurance is given that the Vichy Government is ready to ratify immediately the non-aggression pact.—Reuter.

## LONDON AFTER SIX WEEKS

In a despatch to his paper, the London correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Stockholms Tidning" says that after six weeks of attack from the air, London has been so little damaged that it still remains the centre of the Empire war effort.

Destruction to residences and factories is less than one per cent.

He is, he reports, more than ever convinced that bombing from the air cannot decide a war unless one side is so superior that the opposing defences completely break down—which is not the case with London.

Leaving out the more heavily bombed parts of the East End of London, it is possible to take a quarter of an hour's bus ride in almost any direction without seeing anything more than some broken glass and craters in the road.—Reuter.

## BIAS BAY!?

Japanese warships have tried, and failed, to land parties of troops in Bias Bay, according to a Moscow radio newscast.

Even the use of aircraft and artillery failed to help the Japanese gain a footing.—Reuter.

## RAIDS ON OIL WELLS EXPECTED

Developments in Rumania and the Middle East are being watched with close attention in Madrid.

The Spaniards often express the view that unless the Axis Powers can quickly and successfully carry out an attack upon Egypt, the occupation of Rumania will be to Germany's disadvantage.

This view is based on the belief that Britain will lose no time in bombing the Rumanian oil wells.

Rumania is openly referred to in the newspaper "Hoja Oficial Del Lunes" as a "collaborator with the Axis."—Reuter.

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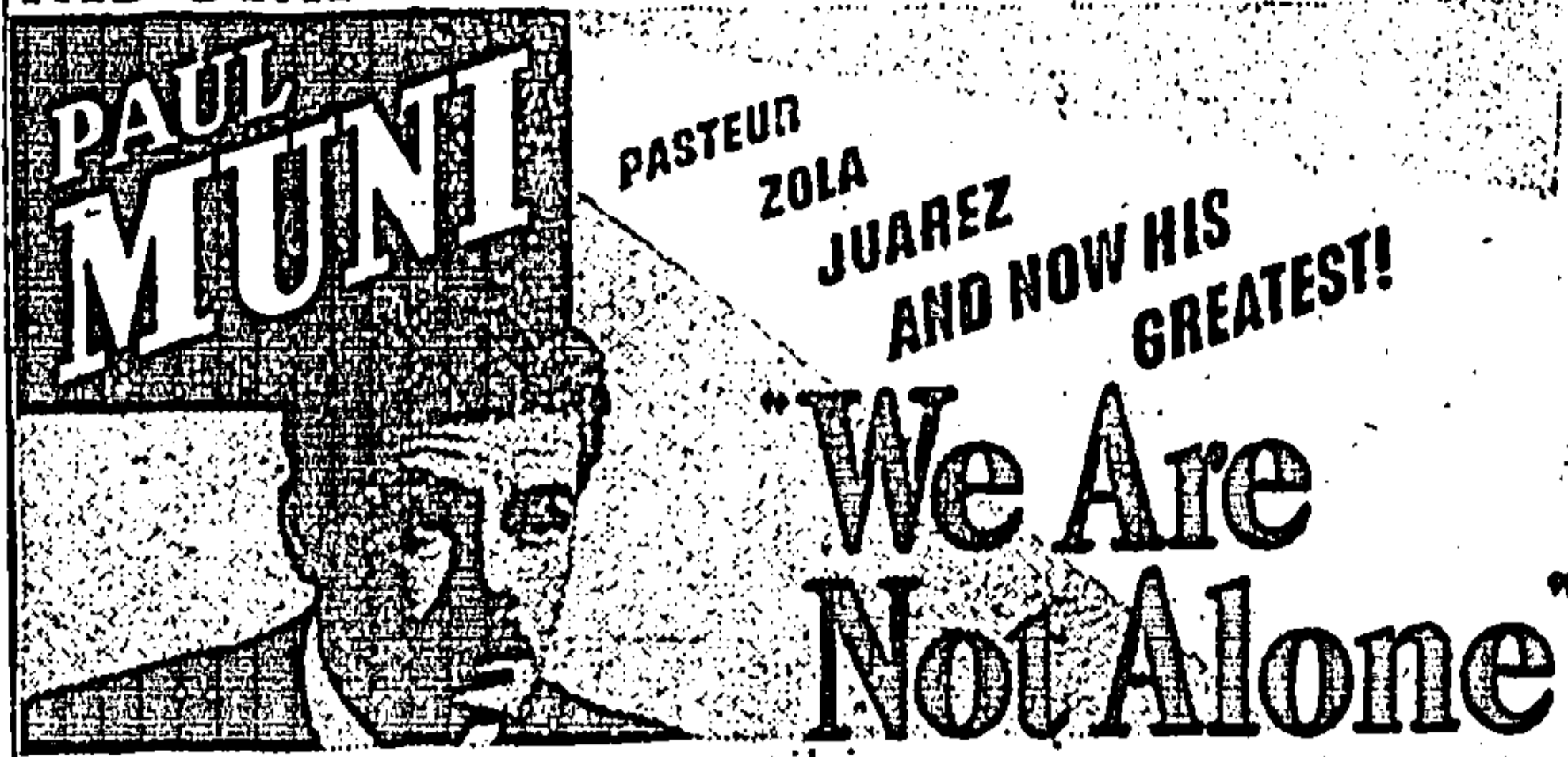
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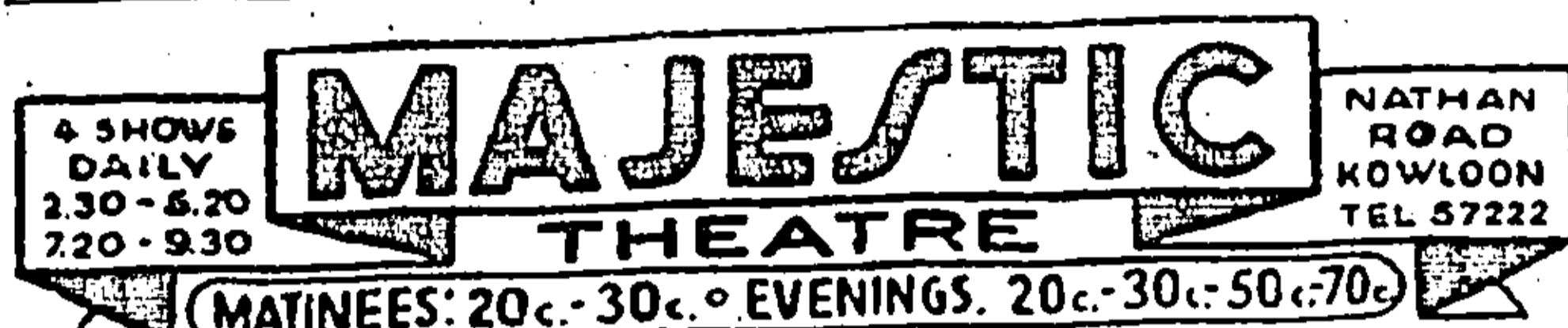


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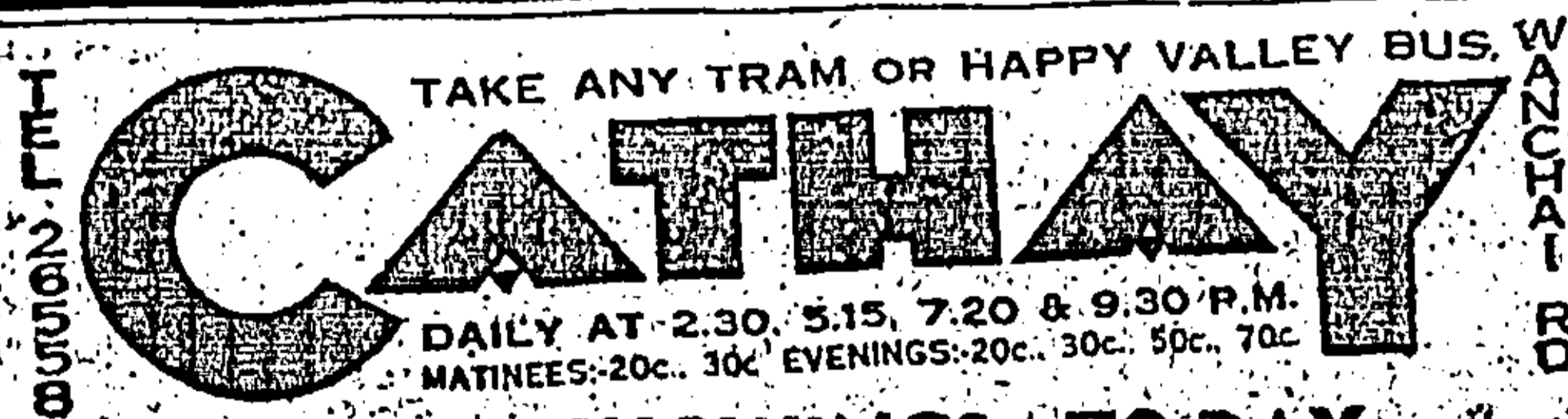
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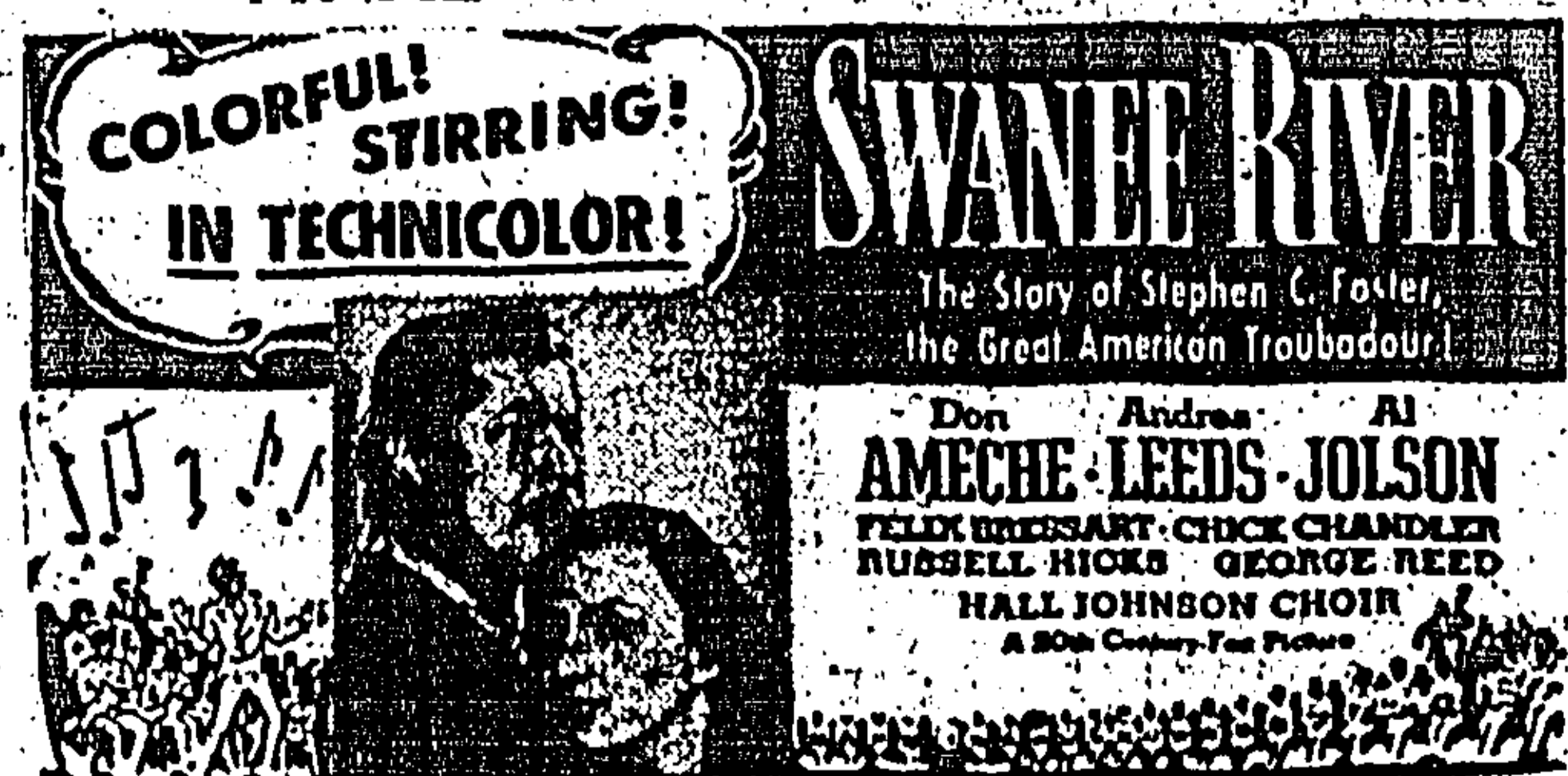


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## SHIPSHAPE AND APPLE-PIE

A naval officer who saw a batch of American destroyers delivered to the British Navy at an eastern Canadian port and travelled back to England in one of them, describes it as an unforgettable experience.

Remarking that the co-operation of our American friends is wonderful, he said, "The ships were steamed to Canada by their American crews. American guns, torpedoes, depth charges, anti-submarine equipment, engines, boilers, indeed most fittings, differ slightly from ours, so the day was spent with American officers and men explaining the details to their British opposite numbers.

Nobody could have been more helpful or cooperative. The destroyers, which had been refitted throughout, were scrupulously clean and in apple-pie order. Full outfits of ammunition and other warlike equipment were left on board, together with stores of all kinds.

### Everything Left

Everything was left — rope, paint, messtraps, silver, china, linen, towels, sheets, blankets, pillows. Instruments were also provided — sextant, chronometer, watch and high-powered binoculars for the use of officers and lookouts, parallel rulers for navigational purposes, typewriter, paper, envelopes, patent pencil sharpeners, pencils, everything and anything one can imagine even to an electric coffee machine in the wardroom and a refrigerator and ice water faucet on the deck.

The naval officer added: "Admittedly as destroyers go they are old ships, but between 40 and 50 British destroyers of equal age have done yeoman service since the war started. Destroyers have borne a heavy burden since the outbreak of hostilities. Their losses, 32 to date, have not been slight. Coming as it does at a critical time, this reinforcement from America of fifty fast well-armed vessels will be a most welcome accession to our already hard-worked flotillas for which we are duly grateful. — British Wireless.

## VICHY'S FOREIGN POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The only foreign policy which France can adopt if she wishes to become an important factor on the Continent again is one by which she asserts her will to remain completely and solely herself, says the paper "Le Temps" in an editorial.

France must liberate herself from all so-called traditional friendships and feuds and follow a policy favouring French interests. — Havas.

The American commentator, Mr. Quentin Reynolds, provides a laconic, drily humorous background to the film which includes shots of anti-aircraft guns in action, searchlights reaching their shining tentacles skywards besides realistic sound effects of the whistles and the crash of falling bombs.

As the commentator remarks, "these are not Hollywood sound effects but the real thing." The film concludes with pictures of British bombers on their way to Berlin to "drop their eggs" on the enemy thus showing not only that Britain can take it but that she can hit back.

The film will be distributed immediately in the United States, Latin America and Canada and doubtless afterwards in the British Empire and the rest of the world. — Reuter.

## RELIGION IN VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Further indications of the growing importance attached to religion following the tragic events of the past few months was seen in Vichy when 600 students attended a special mass on the eve of the new school year.

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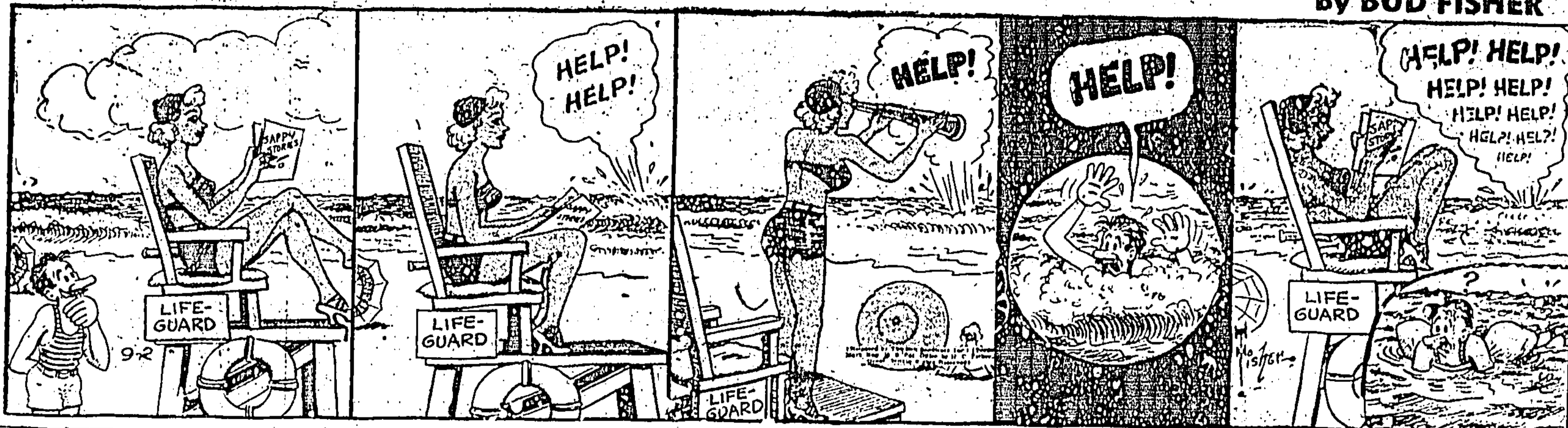
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## HUGE GERMAN BOMBER IN DEATH DIVE

A LARGE FOUR-ENGINE German bomber was shot down on open ground on the outskirts of London yesterday.

According to a reliable report, anti-aircraft batteries opened fire when the plane was flying over a suburb at over 5,000 feet. The plane went into a spin dropping bombs as it dived.

## AIR RAID RESCUE DRAMA

DURING THE COURSE OF SUNDAY NIGHT'S RAIDS ON LONDON, A DOCTOR WAS SUSPENDED BY HIS HEELS FROM A CRANE WHICH LOWERED HIM DOWN INTO A BOMB-CRATER BESIDE A WRECKED HOUSE.

At the bottom of the hole lay a man, only his head protruding from the wreckage. He was given a shot of morphia in the neck and later removed to hospital. He is expected to live. — Reuter.

A German bomber appeared over another suburb but was driven off by anti-aircraft fire. During the morning a small force of bombers was observed flying singly in the direction of London.

In one district, very heavy firing was heard when the raiders appeared overhead.

An East Anglian coast town had five bombs yesterday afternoon, damaging houses and inflicting a few casualties. This raid last only 10 seconds. — Reuter.

## Minor Scale Raids

German activity over Britain was on a comparatively small scale yesterday, being confined to a series of attacks by single aircraft which dropped a few bombs at a number of points in the south of England and the Midlands.

According to an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique reports up to 4 p.m. indicate that casualties were few, but a small number of persons had been killed. Some houses and shops were damaged in a Kentish town. Elsewhere—damage—has been slight. — Reuter.

## HEAVY RAID ON LONDON LAST NIGHT

Within one hour of the night alert, there was an almost continuous drone of aircraft over London.

Searchlights in both the outer and inner defences added to raiders' difficulties.

While searchlights probed the skies, guns poured shells along the courses of the German bombers. Incendiary bombs dropped in various parts of the capital caused some outbreaks of fire which were dealt with immediately. —

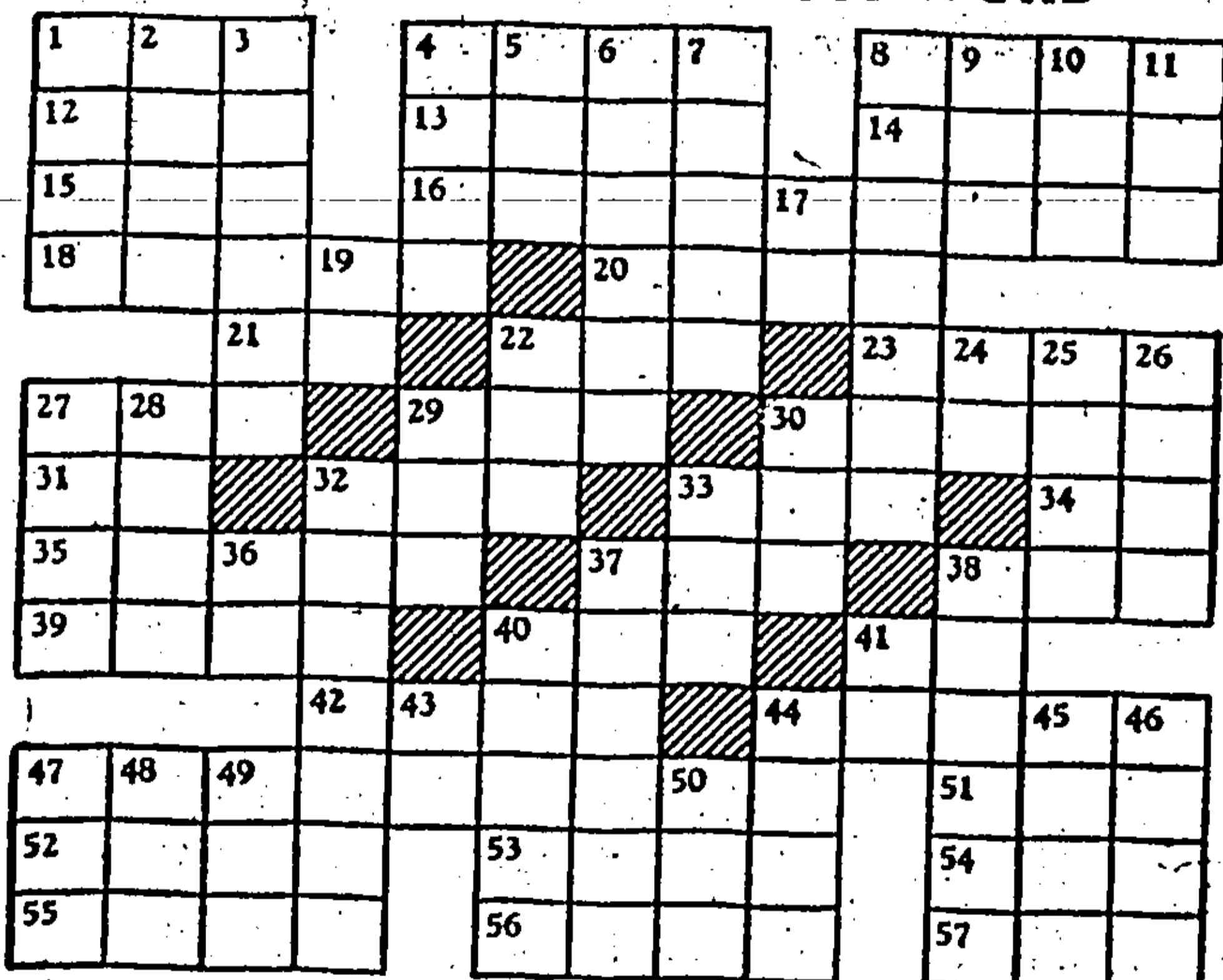
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IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE CONSUMPTION OF PETROL, THE AUTHORITIES HAVE CUT DOWN THE NUMBER OF MOTOR CARS IN CHUNGKING TO 200.

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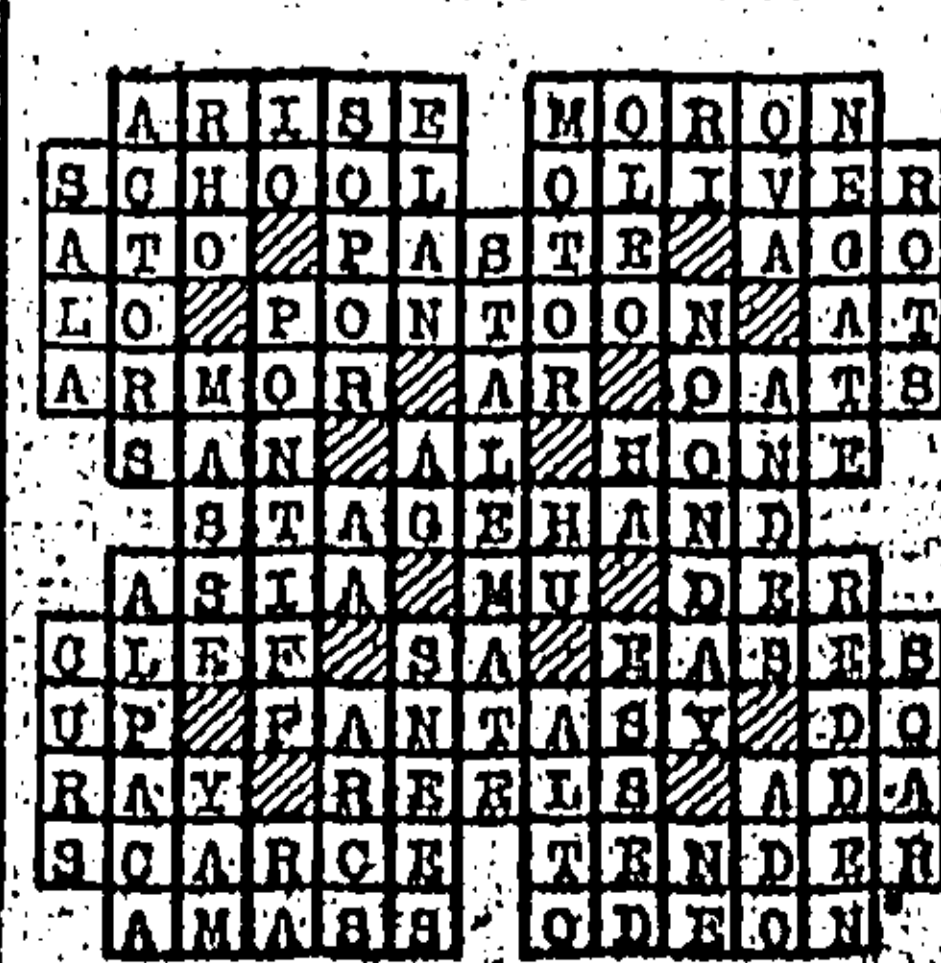
20 Conspiracy  
21 Behold!  
22 Beverage  
23 Venezuelan tree-snake  
27 Ibsen heroine  
29 Cravat  
30 Long-necked, wading bird  
31 Symbol for calcium  
32 The sun  
33 To spread for drying  
34 Symbol for tellurium  
35 Rapacious person  
37 Female pig  
38 Gushing flow  
39 Silkworm  
40 In what way

41 Sun god  
42 Adjacent  
44 Animal's offspring  
47 Fictional giant  
51 Biblical name  
52 Sinful  
53 Dagger  
54 Prefix: three  
55 Produced  
56 Japanese coins  
57 Poetic: in that place

**VERTICAL**  
1 Soothing application  
2 Turkish regiment  
3 To perforate, as with shot  
4 Cry of sorrow  
5 Conjunction  
6 To examine  
7 Feeble-minded  
8 Calm

9 Garland  
10 Grampus  
11 To watch  
17 Therefore  
19 Indo-Chinese language  
22 To be sick  
24 Conjunction  
25 Repetition  
26 The dill  
27 Pang  
28 German river  
29 Playing  
30 To carve  
32 Small sparkling object  
33 To haul  
36 Japanese measure  
37 Sally of troops from a besieged place  
38 Self-satisfied  
40 Convenient  
41 Artificial language  
43 Babylonian deity  
44 Bovine ruminant  
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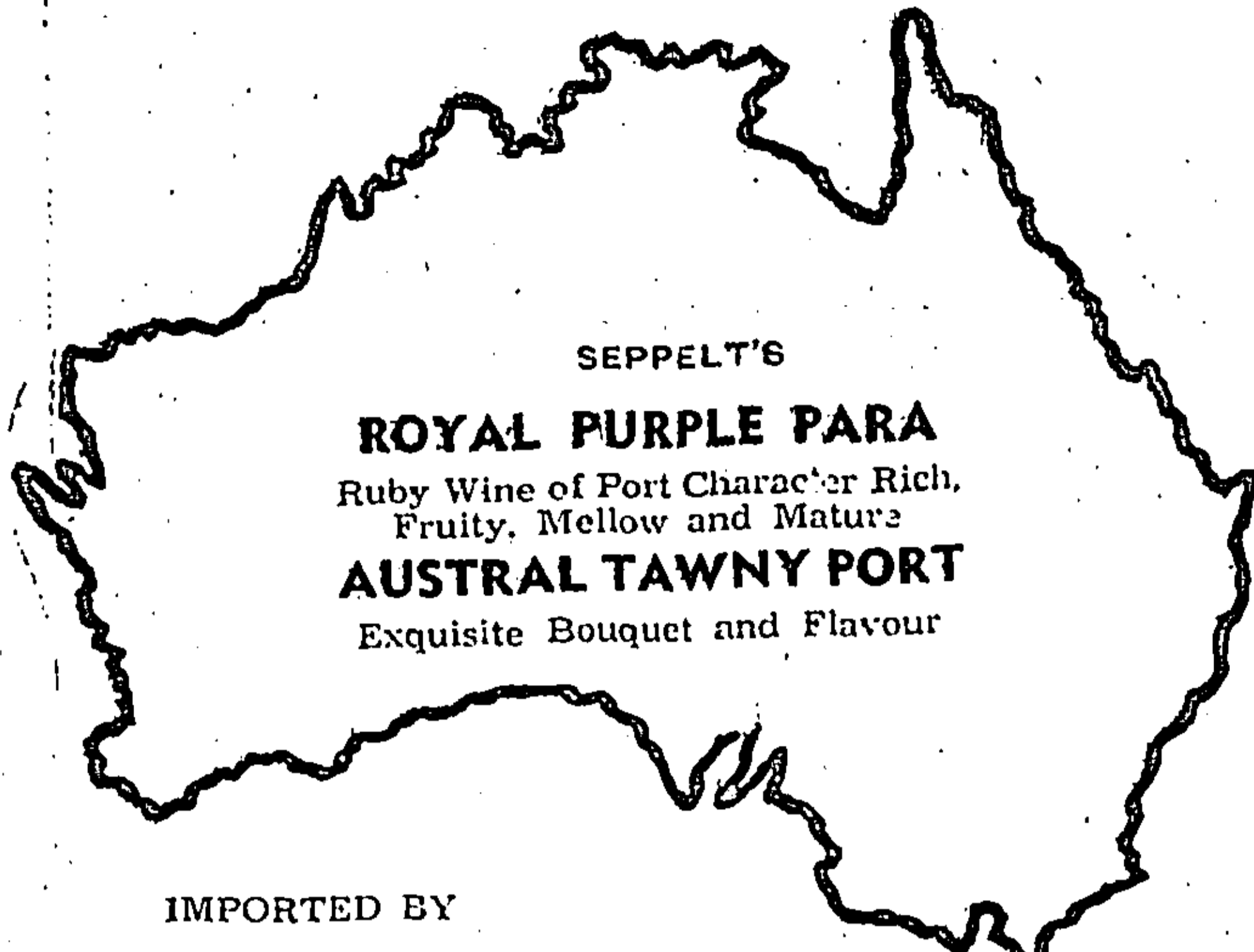
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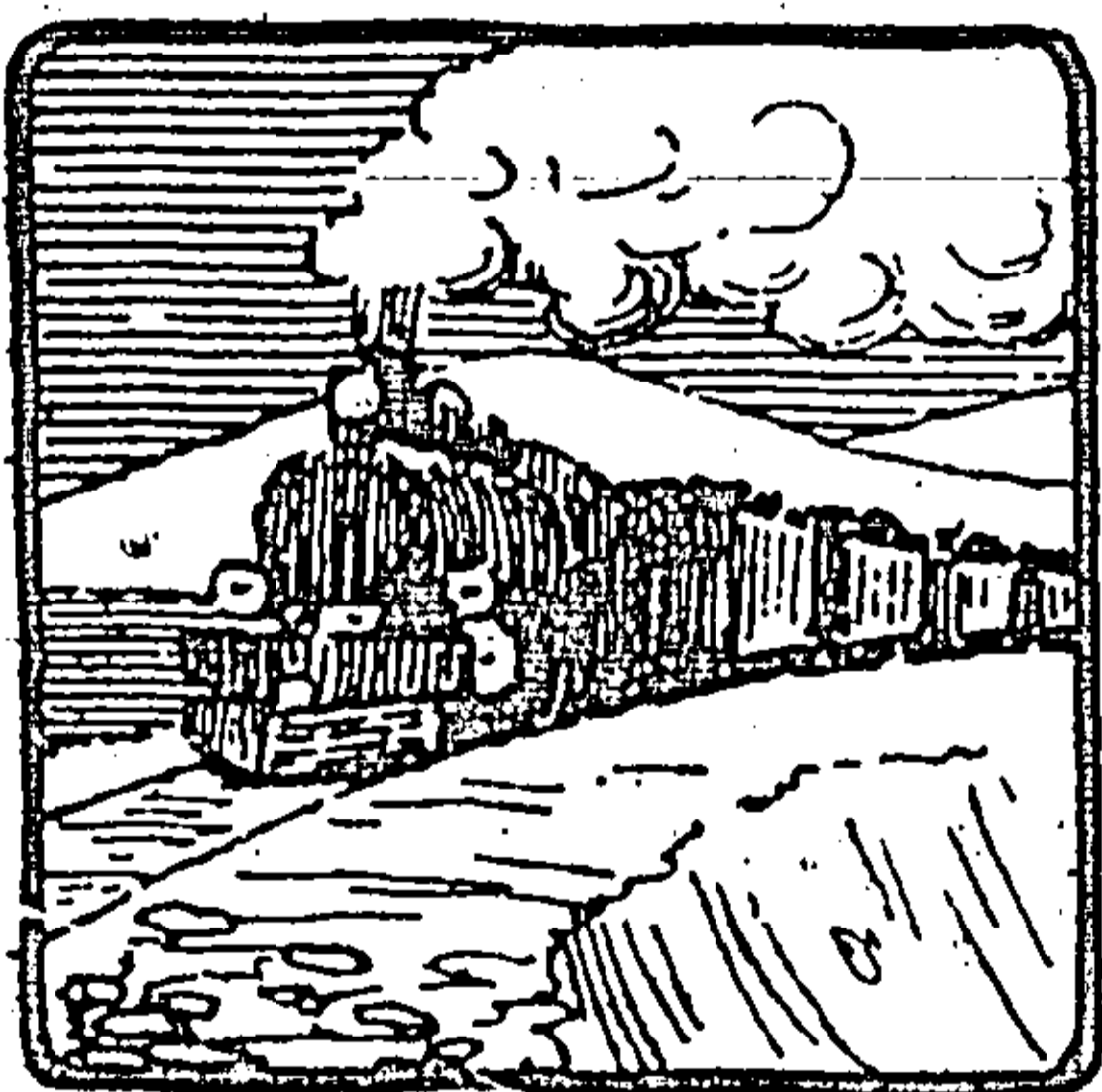
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## No Compulsory Evacuation On South Coast

REUTER'S SPECIAL Correspondent, returning to London after a week in "the British front line," writes that tens of thousands of civilians, chiefly women and children who are still living along the south-east coast, show unbroken spirit after being for four months closer to the enemy than any others in Britain.

Dover, which is the target of occasional shelling, besides bombing, presents as busy and as cheerful an appearance by day as any town in Britain.

The bombing of these coast towns has not been, except in the case of Ramsgate, on the scale that London has experienced in the past five weeks although it has been extended over a longer period.

Populations have admittedly diminished by a big percentage but evacuation, which is not compulsory, has never been wholesale. Cinemas close earlier than in peace time but remain open after the black-out.

Hardy British fishermen still go to sea in small boats despite the enemy on the opposite coast.

Fishing on this coastline is highly profitable, one fisherman having caught in one day over 2,000 pounds of fish and earned over £100.

### Ramsgate's Tunnels

Women and children in Ramsgate which was ruthlessly attacked on August 24 on the Polish model by the German air force, spend several hours by day and most of the night 60 to 90 feet below the ground in unique miles of tunnels cut in the chalk below the town.

Open to sea breezes, the dry and clean tunnels have, hitherto, not impaired the health of the people of Ramsgate.

Meanwhile, the civic authorities are still engaged in clearing the debris which the raiders left. —Reuter.

## PROPERTY INSURANCE IN BRITAIN

Great interest is taken in London in the expected publication this week of the Property Insurance Bill, which follows Mr. Churchill's recent statement that "everyone should be assured that compensation for loss of home or place of business will be paid to him in one form or another at the end of the war, if not sooner, and where necessity arises in the intervening period, means of carrying on will not be withheld."

The weekly press warmly welcomed the announcement, "Economist" saying the decision to allow insurance against risks to property is a very welcome change of mind as reluctance to consider such a scheme before was based on muddled thinking, but adding a warning that the Bill will obviously be a severe test of the skill of the drafters and that it is of the utmost importance that the measure should be allowed adequate time for Parliamentary discussion. —British Wireless.

### TOBRUK BOMBED ONCE MORE

Bombing raids were carried out on Tobruk once again on the night of Saturday/Sunday, states a Cairo message.

Bombs fell in the target area, but it was impossible to ascertain the full extent of the damage. —Reuter.

### DE BONO'S TOUR IN SPAIN

Marshal De Bono, who is visiting Spain, went to Seville on Sunday and was supposed to have gone to Granada yesterday. He is returning to Italy about the middle of the week. —Reuter.

## INVASION PORTS BLASTED

A series of exceedingly heavy explosions resulted from an attack on Flushing Harbour on Sunday night by Coastal Command Blenheims, says the Air Ministry News Service.

The main line railway junction was one of the chief targets and following a major explosion, a series of fierce fires broke out when bombs fell.

Another great explosion occurred a full minute after one aircraft had unloaded the last of its bombs.

Other Blenheims carried out an attack over Domburg Harbour, north-west of Flushing, and across the mole at Zeebrugge. Here also explosions were extremely violent and destruction was increased by scores of incendiary bombs. —Reuter.

## SWIFT PUNISHMENT FOR BOMBER

Swift punishment met an enemy bomber which dropped out of the clouds over a South Coast town and machine-gunned civilians in the streets, says the Air Ministry News Service.

The firing was entirely indiscriminate. Nothing was in the view of the pilot of the aircraft except civilians, shops and small houses. He was flying at a height of about 500 feet.

After this attack, the enemy aircraft turned and flew in the direction of the next seaside town. But some distance outside this second town was a searchlight post and, on the approach of the enemy, the ground defence opened up with light anti-aircraft fire.

The firing was immediately effective. The raider dived straight to the ground. One of its bombs exploded on the crash and the aircraft was blown to pieces. Nothing recognisable of the crew was found. Only one tattered German Air Force pay book and an identity disc were picked up from the wreckage. —British Wireless.

### BRUNEI'S GIFT

Representing the proceeds of special war taxation, the State of Brunei has sent £40,000 to the British Government as a gift towards the prosecution of the war. —British Wireless.

## FIRE IN PRAHOVA OIL-FIELDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stefani, the official Italian news agency, announces that another fire has broken out in the oil-fields of Prahova valley.

Three wells are on fire, says the Bucharest report.

It is believed that sabotage is responsible. —Havas.

## PEIPING LEAFLET "RAID"

Exemplifying the way German propaganda is encouraged in Peiping, Chinese handbills were dropped on Saturday from, presumably, Japanese planes, with a lurid picture headed: GERMAN PLANES BOMB ENGLISH CAPITAL.

The picture shows a highly imaginative Tower of London in flames, the sky full of German planes and the river full of sinking boats.

The text at the bottom reads: Several thousand German planes bomb Britain. Sections very severely bombed and burnt an essential part of London.

Doubtless pointing to the picture's moral, the text adds that foreign assistance to Chiang Kai-shek is now failing. —Reuter.

## FU SIAO-EN MURDER: COOK HELD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Japanese Gendarmerie are now holding the No. 1 Cook of the late Fu Siao-en, puppet mayor of Shanghai, on suspicion of his complicity in the assassination.

The police are also looking for three other Chinese servants in the same household, as the investigation shows that at least two persons took part in the slaying of Fu on Friday.

The arrest of the No. 1 Cook was due to the disclosure that he had not been away from the house the night the murder occurred.

Meanwhile, the police of the three municipalities have issued circulars showing that three other suspects are being sought in connection with the crime.

Large throngs of Chinese and foreign officials attended the encoffining. —Havas.

## U.S. EVACUATION OF HARBIN

American residents in Harbin are preparing for evacuation, says a Japanese report in Tokyo yesterday.

The report adds that the American Consulate-General in Harbin will possibly be closed following the evacuation which would dispose of the bulk of Consular business. —Reuter.

### £250,000 FOR SPITFIRES

The East India Fund in Calcutta has cabled £250,000 to the Air Ministry in London for the purchase of Spitfires for the Royal Air Force. —Reuter.

# CHINA MAIL

## RUMANIA

Hitler's military occupation of Rumania may be part of a larger design against the Middle East. It may, on the other hand, be compelled by the difficulties created following the extensive dismemberment of Rumania under his "referee" pressure two months ago. The practical fact is that Hitler knows that a situation was created which is not safe for anybody, the participating parties or the dictating, threatening and competing bystanders.

The fears of the Nazi dictator individually and collectively gravitate to one, Russia as the challenger of Nazi domination in the Balkan area. Dictator Stalin and Dictator Hitler are suspicious and jealous of each other, diplomatic allies to a degree but planning programmes that clash in almost all essentials, allies for expediency, but distrusting competitors in conquest as soon as expediency fails to dictate otherwise. What Hitler is starting in Rumania looks for all the world like a picket fence thrown across the path of Stalin's ambitions and expansion plans.

The Rumanian oil fields constitute no enormous factor in world oil supply, but their production is big from the point of view of Germany, under prevailing conditions of distress in connection with fueling of the war machine. All indications are that the oil supply forthcoming from Russia is disappointing. Also the British airmen evidently have scored numerous hits on Germany's synthetic oil plants, making the Rumanian supply all the more vital, too important for the neglect of any detail of protection and control.

The Danubian food supply is in much the same general category as the oil supply, subject to the same pressure as to urgent need and danger of loss of control.

Since the Balkan field is vitally important in the Soviet scheme as well as in the Nazi net-work one might inquire why Stalin stands by and allows Hitler's aggression to go unchallenged. The simple

answer is that Stalin can afford to wait as long as he has reason to believe Hitler may be easier to fight later on than he would be if challenged outright now.

This is another application of the theory that the starting of to-morrow's war depends on the outcome of to-day's war—a point that finds application on the various fronts in Europe as well as in Asia.

Her food supplies depleted by years of sacrifice to arms-making, and further threatened by the transfer of agricultural workers to the army, Germany began the war in no condition to stand the pressure of the British blockade.

But she has added to this a self-blockade that hits the German people and other European nations as well.

By over-running Norway, Denmark, Holland and Belgium, Germany acquired big stocks of food for immediate use.

But in doing so she "killed the goose": she put an end to the capacity of these countries to send her the great supplies she had always received from them.

For all these countries depended on imported feeding-stuffs for their livestock and on imported fertiliser for their agriculture.

Without imports they cannot even feed themselves, let alone Germany. And now that they are enemy-occupied territory, they cannot be allowed to import in order to keep Germany's war going.

By over-running France, the Germans acquired certain food stocks and a great agricultural country.

But France's agriculture, though great, was not great enough to make her self-supporting in food supplies, so that France, too, is a liability and not an asset, to Germany's food economy.

### Where Germany Stands

Each extension of Germany's military domination has led to a corresponding decline of food power.

How difficult is Germany's situation now? How far have the

By  
R.W.B. Clarke

Nazi's gone down the slippery slope to starvation?

Will these food difficulties in fact be supportable, or is Germany approaching a situation similar to that of the summer of 1918, or even of Central Europe in the appalling years which followed the last war?

It is simple enough to see the qualitative process working out, to say that the food situation will be worse in the winter of 1940-41 than it was in the winter of 1939-40. But how much worse will it be? Will it be so bad that it will in fact force the Nazi Government to modify its programme of world domination, and hurriedly devote resources to the righting of food supply instead of consolidation of conquest?

Will it be so bad that it even endangers the existence of the Nazi Government itself?

Hitler's conquests have gone so far that the situation must be examined from a European point of view.

The nations of the European Continent (excluding British, of course, but including everything

else as far as Russia), consume either as food or as feeding-stuffs, some 130,000,000 tons of cereals a year. Of this, about one-tenth is normally imported from outside Europe.

It is certainly not unreasonable to suggest that European production this year will be 25 per cent. below normal. In South-Eastern Europe, the main granary, the harvest is expected to be at least 25 per cent down. That of Germany will fall by hardly less. It was estimated that the French harvest would be reduced by some 25 per cent., even before German occupation.

With non-European imports excluded, the current supply available for consumption will thus be reduced by about one-third. This is a reasonable minimum reduction; it may conceivably be more, perhaps as much as one-half.

On the other hand, there are certainly war reserves of grain which in the aggregate are substantial. But these are needed both to make good the shortage of bread grains, and to make good the shortage of animal feeding-stuffs to maintain the supply of meat and fats. Such reserves, therefore, cannot suffice for more than a limited period.

### Poor Food

The current rations in Germany are just adequate, but their dietetic quality depends to a large extent upon the output of fruit and vegetables, the distribution of which is threatened by transport difficulties.

The diet, furthermore, is dull and unvaried, and very unpalatable, especially at a time when the German people are expecting a dividend from victory. However, the German people will be able to eat the stocks looted from the occupied territories. Unless the harvest is a complete failure, the German food supply during the next twelve months may not be intolerably bad.

It will be maintained, however, only at the expense of the people of occupied territories.

Here, indeed, is the core of the whole problem. The resources of Europe are enough to feed the German people. They may be enough, too, for the Italians, who will no doubt be allowed to have what the Germans do not need.

### Starve The Conquered

But the price of this will be the starvation of the people in the occupied territories. The 42,000,000 French men and women, the 17,000,000 Dutch and Belgians, and the 13,000,000 Scandinavians will be the sufferers, alongside the 25,000,000 Poles.

Their food supplies are literally being ravaged by the Germans. The more they produce the more will be stolen for the German granaries.

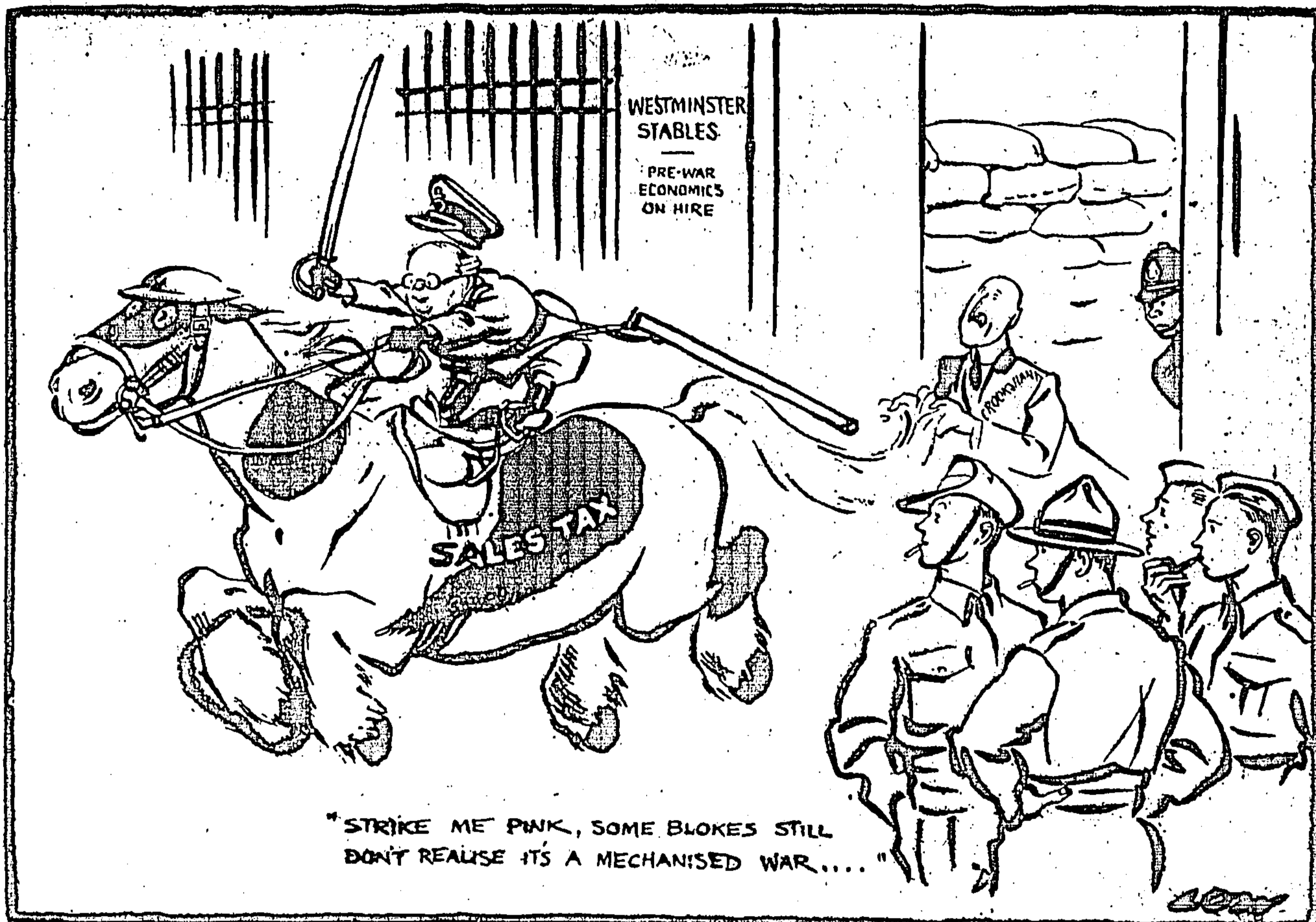
If they succeed in buying supplies from abroad, those supplies too will be swept into the German maw.

They may be allowed enough to save them from starvation—although the experience of Poland throws doubt even on that.

But they will assuredly be allowed no more than the minimum. That is certain and assured; we have enough experience of Nazi policy in occupied territories to determine it.

So we see the "Guns before Butter" policy reach its apotheosis. As a direct consequence of the deliberate policy of the German Government, Germany has reached a situation in which the German people can be fed only by a locustlike looting of the occupied territories, and by an exhaustion of Germany's own stocks. This in its turn will not only threaten something very near starvation for the millions of men and women in the defeated countries, but it also means the virtual destruction of those nations' long-term food potential.

The ravages of war followed by the ravages of looting cannot be repaired in one year or even in five years.



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# How Germany "Kills The Goose"

# BITTER OUTBURST IN EVACUATION APPEALS MEETING

Several applications for exemption from evacuation or permission to return to the Colony were heard by the Evacuation Advisory Committee in the Council Chamber this morning.

Mr. E. H. Williams presided, the other members of the Committee being Major R. E. Moody, Mr. C. Blaker, and Mr. C. B. Burgess, (Member and Secretary.)

Two applications were granted, two deferred and the remainder refused.

Mr. T. A. Martin applied, on behalf of his mother, Mrs. E. A. Martin, for permission for her to return to the Colony.

Mr. Martin said his mother was 70 years of age and had lived for a long time in Hong Kong. She considered the Colony her domicile.

The Chairman pointed out that ground of domicile was only approved in the case of those of non-pure European race, and it was perhaps a more courteous way of putting such an exception.

Continuing, Mr. Martin said his mother was now alone in Shanghai living in a boarding house. Her state of health was not good and she would prefer to face things here.

Mr. Martin added that he had followed the Government's instructions regarding evacuation and his wife had left the Colony. The application was granted.

## Not Exceptional

The application of Mr. H. O. Odell for permission for his wife to return to the Colony was refused.

Mr. Odell said that at the time of the first evacuation his wife was not in the Colony. She was a capable woman and could speak Chinese. If she had been here at the time she would have been allowed to stay in the Colony as an essential worker.

The application was refused as the circumstances were not considered exceptional.

The next application was that of Mr. D. C. Weir on behalf of his wife for an extension of the three months' exemption from evacuation already granted.

Mr. Weir said his wife was granted three months' extension on the grounds of illness. She was still under medical treatment, had had two operations during the past year and might have to undergo another.

She was suffering from loss of memory and was under special treatment. They had one married daughter but no other children.

He handed in a letter from Mrs. Weir's Medical adviser, after which the Chairman said that, in the light of the contents of the letter, which he would not make public, an extension would be granted.

## Business Reasons

The application of Mrs. A. Zaitzeff for exemption was deferred for further enquiries.

On September 24, her husband applied for exemption because she had to assist him in his business, because his earnings were insufficient to support her and her child out of the Colony and because the state of her health and that of her child was not good.

Total exemption was refused by the Governor, but an extension of two months was granted.

Mr. Zaitzeff said that he and his wife had been running a business ever since their arrival in the Colony. Evacuation had hit his business hard and he had reached a point where he was finding it hard to make ends meet. He had a temporary job as a revenue officer and his wife was the only responsible person in the business.

They had a two months-old child who was not yet fit to travel. He was told that if there were no children the circumstances would be different. Now exemption would set a dangerous precedent.

Mr. Zaitzeff asked for exemption till March and for permission for his wife then to return to the Colony. He would send the child to its grandmother in Harbin. The cold in November would be

too much for the child which was still under weight.

Mrs. Zaitzeff said that she was prepared to be separated from her baby so that they would have something in future.

## Not Sufficient

In the case of Mrs. A. G. Jefford, it was stated that on July 29, her son-in-law, Mr. L. Weill, applied for permission which was granted, for her to return to the Colony to deal with private affairs and to take his son to Tsingtao for schooling.

On September 24, she applied for exemption on the grounds that her husband was in England, and that she would have her pension reduced by half if she lived anywhere than in a British Colony. Her husband might be transferred to Singapore. She was taking lectures in the Nursing Detachment.

Mrs. Jefford added that she had no minor children and could assist in the Nursing detachment.

The chairman pointed out that she had only finished one stage and it would be some time before she completed the entire course.

The transfer of her husband to Singapore was not definite and she would probably not be allowed to enter Singapore.

Her earlier application to return to the Colony was granted on certain conditions. The present application must be refused.

An extension to enable her to make arrangements for disposal of her household effects was not granted. Mrs. C. E. Clarke was refused permission to remain in the Colony.

## Long Statement

An application made on September 26, accompanied by a medical certificate, was refused.

Asked whether she had anything further to add to her original application, Mrs. Clarke read a long statement.

After the statement which was punctuated by interruptions from spectators, the chairman said the Committee was sitting to find out whether there were exceptional circumstances permitting her to remain in the Colony, and as there were none, the Committee had to refuse the application.

Applications for exemption by Mrs. M. S. Danbrowsky, Mrs. M. Kadoorie and Mrs. W. J. Kemp were refused.

The case of Mrs. L. H. Coates was deferred for further information from the A.R.P. Department.

## Governor's Rights

"I maintain that if I am prepared to take the chance with my child, the Governor has no right to deprive us of it," said Mrs. W. J. Kemp, who sought exemption.

Mrs. Kemp added that if she was in England she would still leave her child.

The Chairman: England is quite different from Hong Kong.

Mrs. Kemp: A child is a child no matter where. In England, another who works in munitions has her children looked after. I ask you, is work in munitions dangerous?

The Chairman said he did not care to compare conditions.

Mrs. Kemp: To force us out of our homes is degrading. I am prepared to stay here come what may.

The Chairman: You must remember that you and your child are a nuisance in an emergency. Your husband may be called upon to do defensive work and he cannot afford to worry about your safety.

Mrs. Kemp: My husband has confidence in me.

The Chairman: It is not your husband's confidence.

## English Woman's Right

Mrs. Kemp: We don't like our private affairs prying into. I maintain that I have a right as

## NORWEGIAN FORCES INSPECTED

A SILK FLAG WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED RECENTLY AS A GIFT FROM NORWEGIAN WOMEN IN ENGLAND ON HIS 68TH BIRTHDAY WAS PRESENTED BY KING HAAKON OF NORWAY TO THE NORWEGIAN FORCES YESTERDAY WHEN HE VISITED THEIR TRAINING CAMP "SOMEWHERE" IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Norwegian troops in Great Britain have already for some time past been taking part in local defence and have been used by the British Army Command for several military operations.

Apart from the Army, there are also Norwegian naval units serving with the British coastal defence and in convoy protection. These were also inspected by King Haakon.—Reuter.

## BRIBERY CHARGE

Police constable C489, Chan Chun, attached to No. 7 Police Station, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with accepting a bribe of \$5 on October 13.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan appeared for the defendant.

Chiu Ching, 37, charged with stealing Chinese medicine from No. 54, Bonham Strand West, was alleged to be involved.

Both were remanded to October 18. Bail of \$500 was allowed.

Detective Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham is in charge of the case.

An English woman to decide what I think is right for myself and my child.

The Chairman: That is all right in peace time.

Mrs. Kemp: Yes and yet we are fighting for freedom and democracy.

The Chairman: The whole matter is for the defence of the Colony.

Mr. Burgess: The presence of your child deprives you from staying here in any case.

Mrs. Kemp: What about Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke who has a child?

The Chairman: She was originally exempted. She went away and has since returned and her case is being considered. I think.

Mrs. Kemp: I was prepared to go to England but when I heard of the class distinction and discrimination I decided I would not go.

## Gallery Rebuked

Applause from the gallery greeted this remark, whereupon the Chairman said: "Will you please restrain yourself. If there is any more clapping I am afraid I cannot allow you here."

Mrs. Kemp: If I should be forcibly ordered to Australia and Hong Kong is blockaded and my husband cannot support me, I would cut the arteries of myself and my child before asking for charity.

The Chairman: That is rather a rash statement to make.

Mrs. Kemp: Supposing I refuse to go what.....

The Chairman: I am not going to answer that.

Mrs. Kemp then spoke of a man who was allowed to bring his bride from Canada though women in transit were not permitted to land. Is that right?

The Chairman: I am not here to answer questions.

Mrs. Kemp: To whom can we apply for a just hearing then?

The Chairman: We are here to give you a just hearing.

Mrs. Kemp: You are not.

The Chairman: I am afraid we must refuse.

Mrs. Kemp: What is the worst Government can do if I refuse?

The Chairman: I am not prepared to answer that.

Mrs. Kemp: I am prepared to serve a year in prison.

The application was refused.

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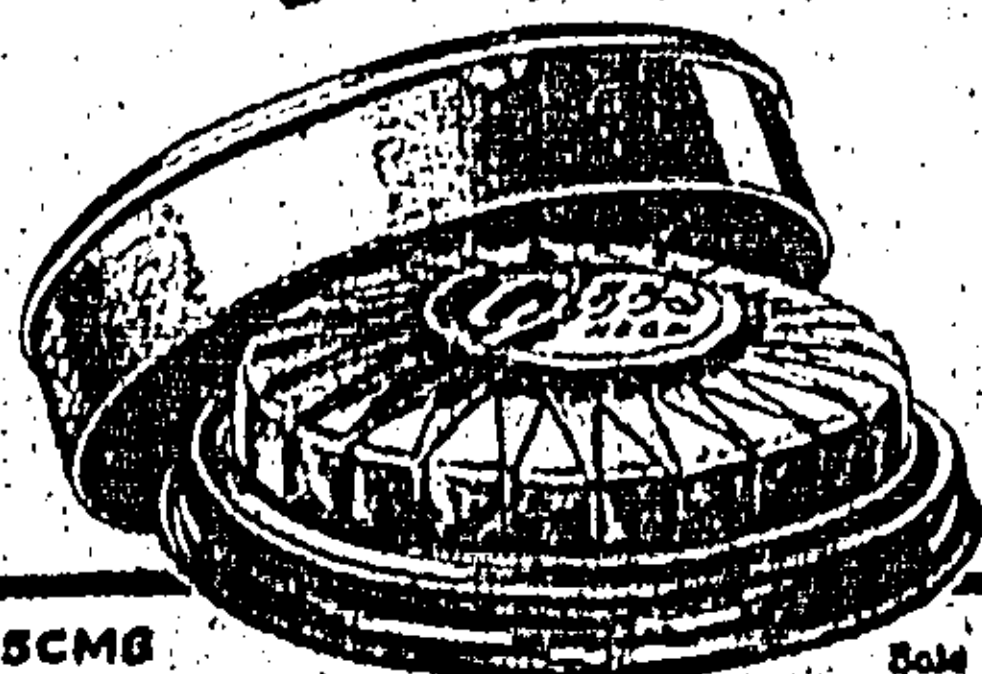
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## ACTION AGAINST HEADMASTER

## Munsang College Trustees' Dispute

SUBMISSIONS THAT the Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o was guilty of the gravest of errors and that "he left undone those things which he ought to have done and did those things which he ought not to have done," were made by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser, in the Appeal Court this morning.

Appearing on behalf of Mr. Rufus Huang, former headmaster of Mun Sang College, Kowloon City, Mr. Lee Siong-po and Mr. Wong Sui-yim, Mr. Potter appealed against an order made by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, on June 6 that Mr. Huang be dismissed from the Board of Trustees governing the College.

The respondents were the Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o and Mr. Lee Tsz-lung, who were represented by the Hon. Leo D'Almada, junior. Mr. Potter submitted that Dr. Ts'o was guilty of the gravest of errors and of misconduct as a trustee.

"He very nearly ruined the school," said Mr. Potter.

Plaintiff had given 14 years of the best part of his life for the school. Without him, the school could not have existed, and as a reward he was removed from the Board of Trustees. "He was treated in the same category as a manial — a servant."

The school, continued Mr. Potter, was founded in February, 1926 and its existence was due to the generosity of two persons, the late Mr. Au Chak-mun and Mr. Mok Kon-sang.

## Sleeping Trustees

A letter written on March 26 by Mr. Mok Kon-sang to the Director of Education stated that the Council concerned, as any other school council, directed the policy of the College and administered the finances.

"I base my arguments on admitted facts," remarked Mr. Potter, and pointed out that from the founding of the college until 1939 the whole management was left to Mr. Huang.

Continuing, Mr. Potter said that the letter to the Director of Education alleged that Mr. Mok had been informed that Mr. Huang, headmaster of the College, had given the Council a great deal of trouble, that Mr. Huang had tried to obtain funds and had represented himself to be the sole legal representative of the College.

## Building Contract

"This is a direct attack on Mr. Huang," said Mr. Potter. "Defendant has gone off the rails."

"It is admitted that up to the end of 1938 the entire management and responsibilities, finance or otherwise of the College, was left to Mr. Huang by the Trustees who did nothing. If I may coin a phrase, this is a 'case of sleeping trustees' who slept until the time came when plaintiff kicked them into life."

"Plaintiff dedicated his whole life to the College and kept it going on loans he collected himself. He was the secretary, treasurer, the principal, in fact he was the college. The Honorary Treasurer was well described as 'honorary treasurer'."

"There was not a single fault found in the books of accounts which were sent to the Council members every year and yet Dr. Ts'o said that the accounts were in a muddle."

"No decent man can use words, as far as Mr. Huang is concerned, than those of the highest praise," said Mr. Potter.

"In 1932 there were about 250 pupils and 18 teachers. At the end of 1938 there were over 600 pupils and 28 teachers and during this period no meeting was held by the Council."

## Whole Management

It is interesting to note what was plaintiff's position at the end of June. What were his duties as a trustee? Dr. Ts'o says that until 1939 he had the confidence of the others and yet in June 30 he states that the confidence was unwise. He would like to know how plaintiff had failed to carry out his duties as a trustee. On the other hand, he trusted his co-trustees' signed contract for \$20,500 on promises given to him by them.

If plaintiff did not get the active support of his co-trustees he did not expect any obstruction, but so far from helping him, second defendant broke faith by stopping subscriptions which plaintiff expected.

They stopped the fund on which plaintiff relied to meet payments on the contract. Not only that but second defendant refused to put up the \$10,000 promised, until later. They obstructed him in every possible way, even though they knew the contract was signed.

The legal position was that plaintiff made himself responsible for the contract and money had to be found. If he found it himself because there was no longer a fund, his co-trustees were liable to repay him or indemnify him.

Defendant was bound in law, as well as in honour, to put up the \$10,000 and forthwith, not on completion of the building. In fact, second defendant could be sued, for it was part of the consideration by which plaintiff signed the contract. Case was adjourned to this afternoon.

## AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In his capacity as chairman of the United States section of the U.S./Canada permanent defence commission, Mayor Fiorenzo La Guardia discloses that the two-country defence programme is "well ahead of schedule."

In a very rare interview, a former war flier told International News:—

"I can't reveal all the details, but a joint report on the survey and recommendations have al-

## JAPANESE ROB JUNK

HOW THEIR JUNK WAS DETAINED BY A JAPANESE MOTOR-BOAT AND LATER RECOVERED WAS DESCRIBED IN A REPORT TO THE POLICE LAST NIGHT BY CHEUNG KAM-HO, STEERSMAN OF TRADING JUNK NO. T2362H.

The junk with a crew of seven, 30 bags of beans and 60 bags of salt, left Tai-O for Man King Shan (Chinese Territory) on October 5.

At midday the following day, four miles west of Lin Tin Island, they were stopped by a Japanese motor-boat which had "82" painted on its side.

The junk was towed to a Japanese warship alongside which the night was passed. On October 7 it was towed away by the motor-boat to a trawler, to which the cargo was transferred.

The Japanese sailors then cut away the masts and sails and allowed the junk to return to Hong Kong.

## OFFICIAL AIR LOSSES

While official R.A.F. figures show that 855 British machines have been lost since July 1, with 354 pilots safe, German propagandists are finding some difficulty in deciding the particular high figure they themselves shall announce in reply.

A Deutschlandsender broadcast in the German home programme, relying on "well informed German sources," claims 3,950 British machines destroyed, while simultaneously a German talk in Portuguese, giving as its own special source "German High Command Communique figures" gives a total of just over 2,000 planes.

Probably the Germans are confused in their reckoning by the fact that they themselves have actually lost 2,612 machines brought down by British fighters in the same period.—British Wireless.

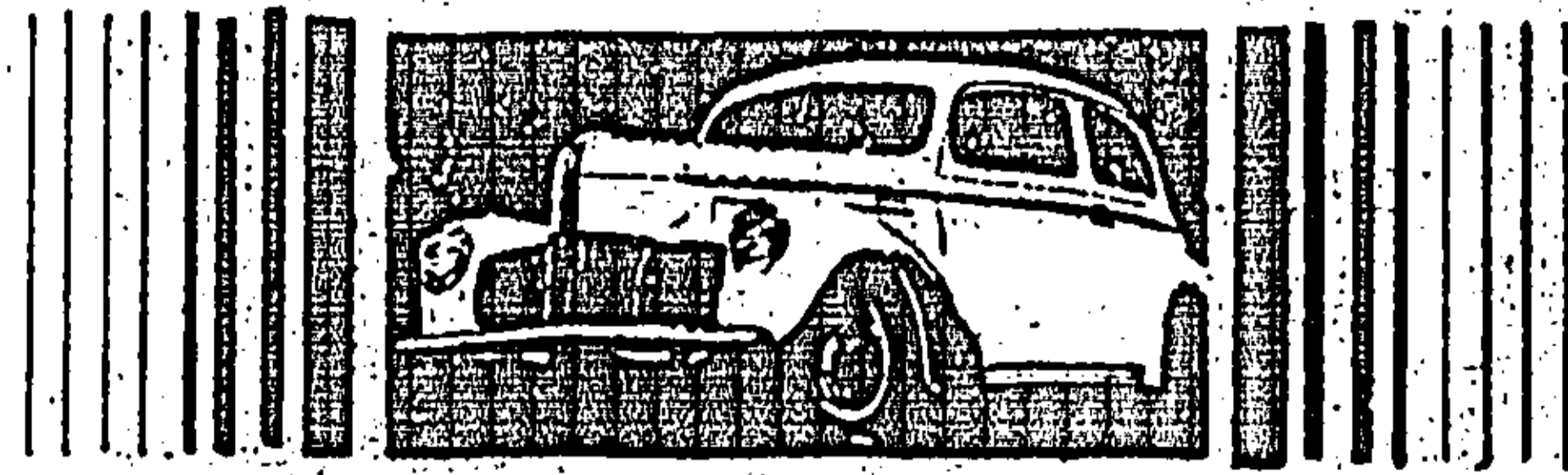
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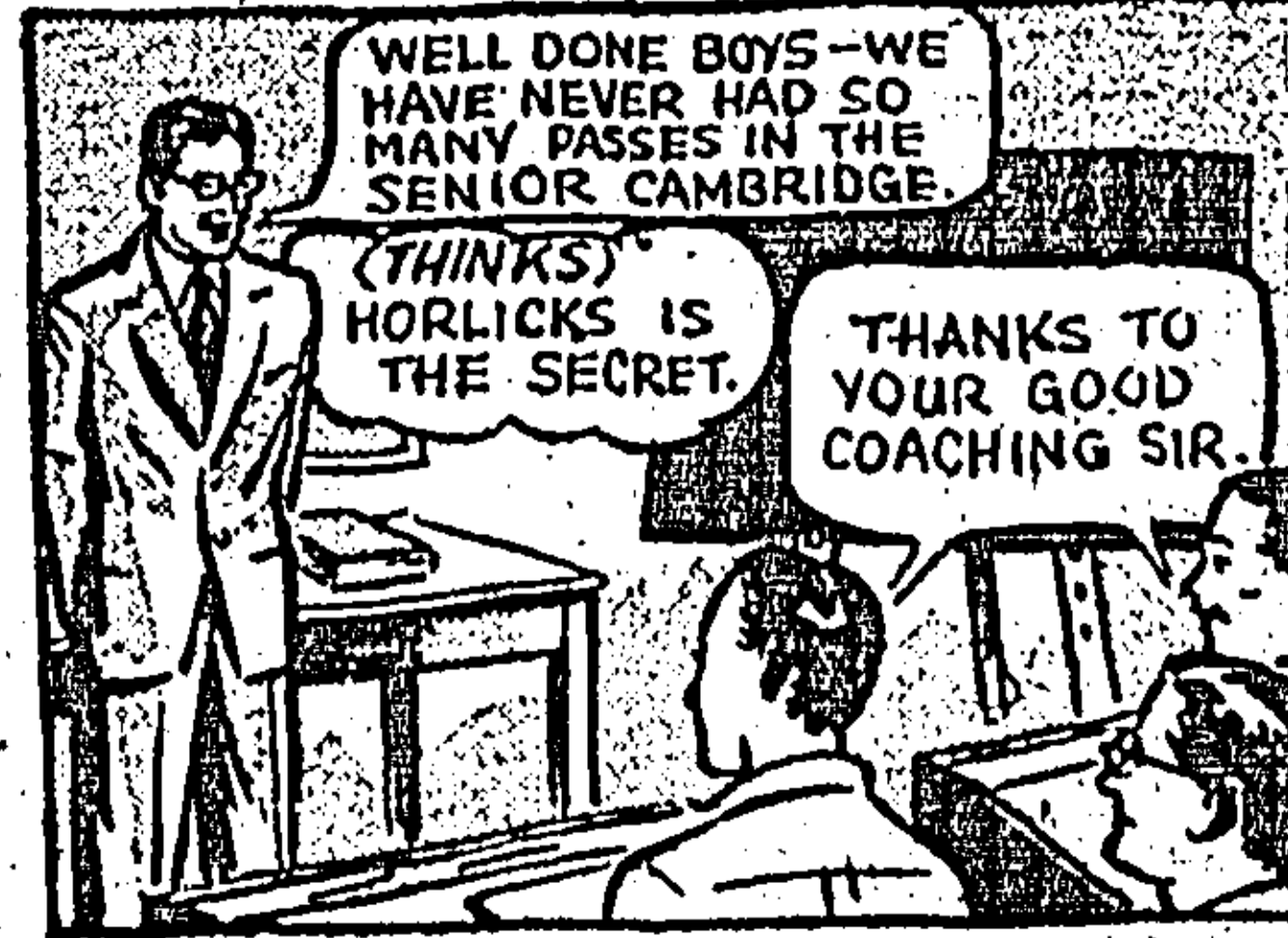
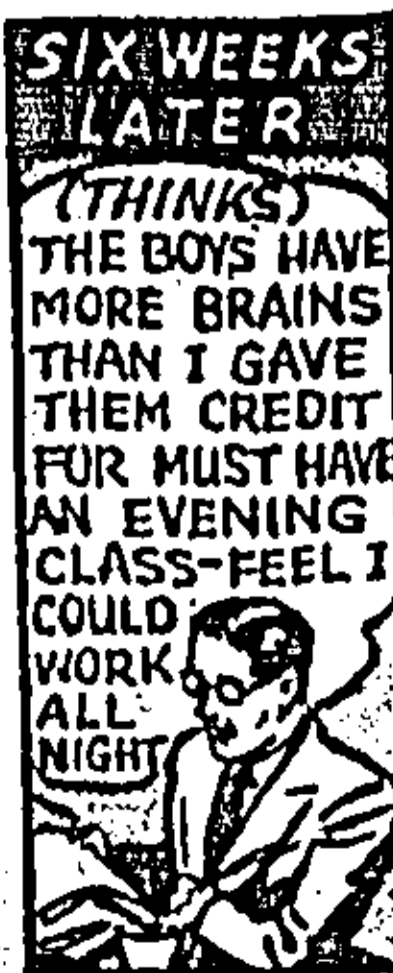
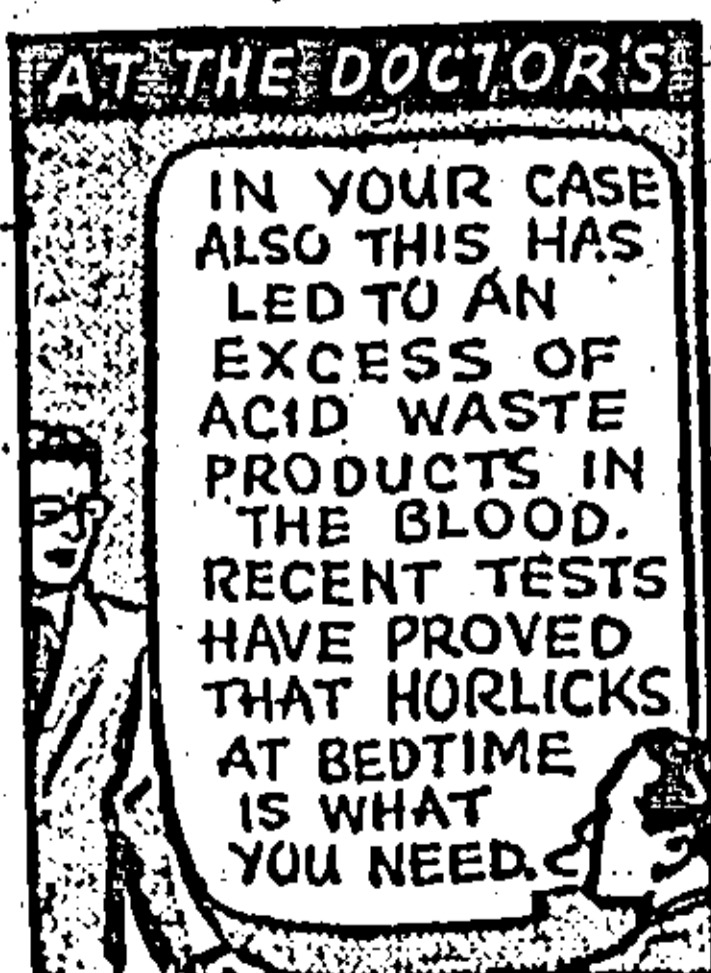
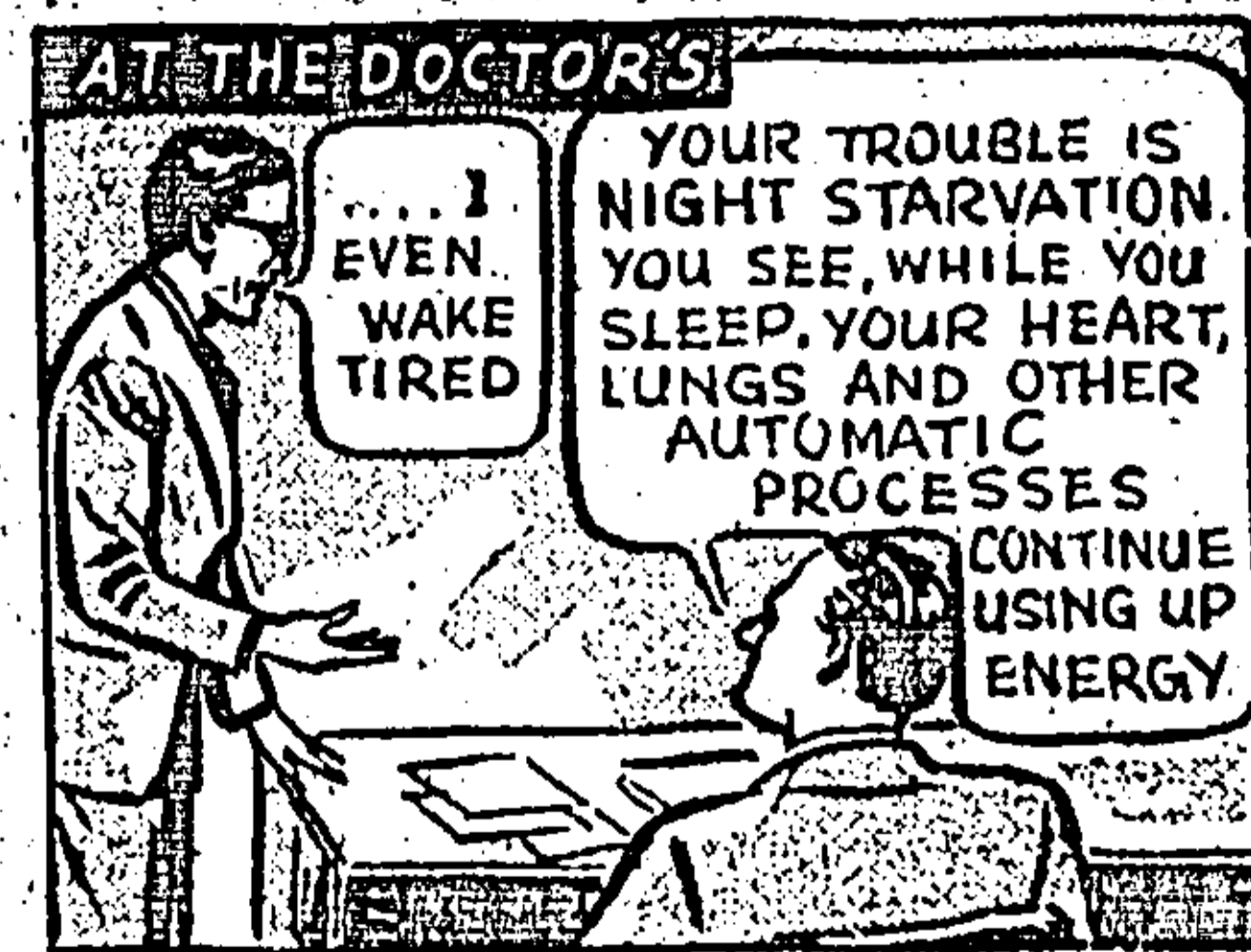
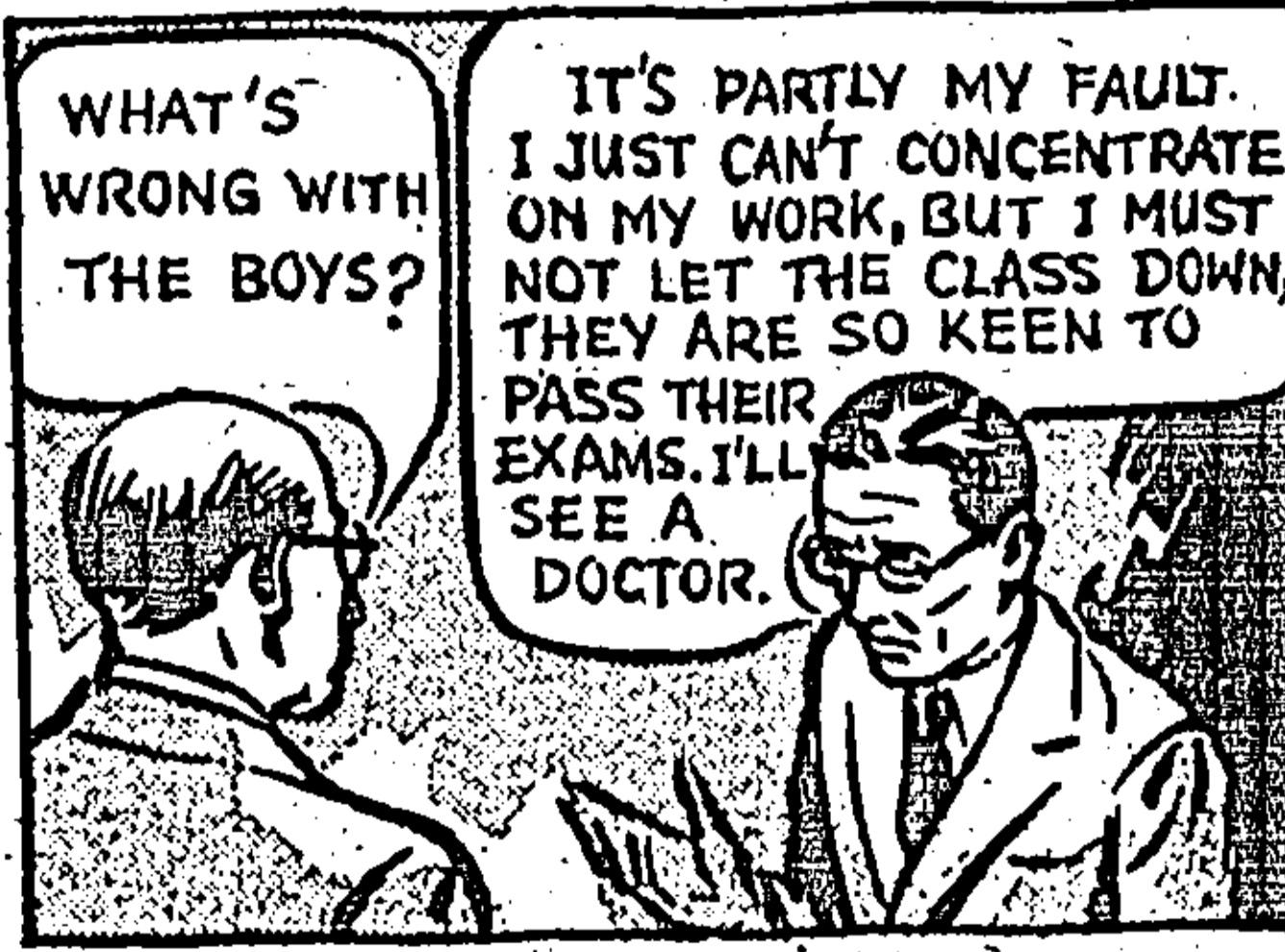
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By Order of the Board,  
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Hong Kong, 4th October, 1940.

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# BRIDGE NOVELS

[The "China Mail" regrets that Contract Bridge articles by the Four Aces have been delayed in the mails, and that the continuity of the feature has, for the first time, been broken. To-day, in substitution, there is an article by Ely Culbertson.]

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: Last night in a duplicate game I was South when the following hand came up:

"North dealer.

"East-West vulnerable.

"Match-point duplicate.

### NORTH

S—A 10 9 4 3  
H—A J 6  
D—Q J 6  
C—A 7

### WEST

S—Q J 6  
H—K 10 9 5  
D—8 7  
C—Q 9 8 2

### EAST

S—8 7 2  
H—7 4 2  
D—A K 9 5 4  
C—K 4

### SOUTH

S—K 5  
H—Q 8 3  
D—10 3 2  
C—J 10 6 5 3

"At our table the bidding proceeded:

North East South West  
1 spade 2 d'monds Pass Pass  
Double Pass Pass 2 n'trump  
Pass Pass Pass

"East-West took a bottom on the board, as we set them two tricks. The West player, who is considered one of the local experts, took more than a minute to bid his two no-trump. After the play he asked me: 'Your partner's double was for a take-out, wasn't it?' I answered: 'Yes, it was a take-out double.' As soon as I answered he wrote 'passed out' on the traveling score sheet and called the director. He repeated the above conversation to the director and the latter told us that we would have to accept the neutral score. I could read the director's mind and his sympathy for me, so I did not talk further and left West satisfied.

"When I passed to North's take-out double it seemed to me that it would be better to try to set them than to bid two spades or three clubs. They were vulnerable and we were not. Should I have said, 'It is a take-out double, but I pass for penalties,' when West asked me? Anyway, I learned that I must speak very carefully and must study the bridge laws. I can't understand, however, that it was right to give a neutral score on this board. Please give me the reason and your judgment."

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be in trouble with his erstwhile opponents and the director when they see my answer.

From time to time instances of outrageous directorial rulings come to my attention and this is a thoroughly typical one. It is perfectly obvious that people are running duplicate games, and sometimes even minor tournaments, who have no licence to be in a bridge club or playing room. Either they know virtually nothing about bridge laws, or their conceit and arrogance are so overwhelming that they take it upon themselves to supersede those laws.

In the case in question my correspondent, South, was not only entirely within his rights in passing to the take-out double made by his partner, but moreover, took precisely the correct action and the one that would be taken by every expert. As almost every bridge player knows (and certainly as duplicate directors should know), a double intended for a takeout can be converted by a pass to the penalty variety any time the supposed responder feels like converting it. No doubt it will come as a shock to this particular director when I say that bridge conventions are made for the guidance and convenience of the pair that uses them, not for the benefit of their opponents, and that said conventions may be abrogated at any time, provided, of course, that no private, secret understanding exists between partners.

It may and may not impress the director in this case to be informed that he took part in a piece of highway robbery. West's claim for a neutral score should have been laughed out of court.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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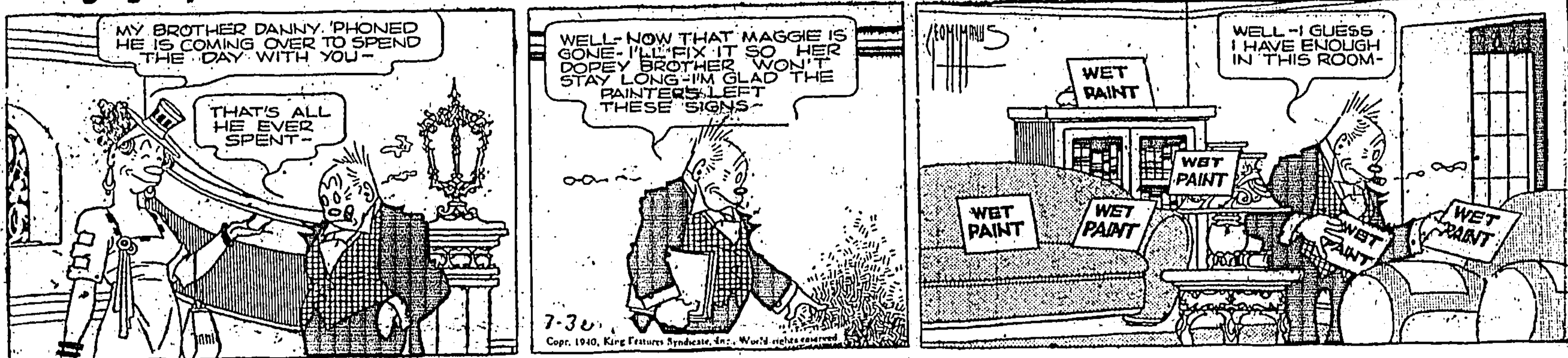
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# Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Chart Figure Flaws

Let's assume that you want to have a more beautiful figure. The season has made you a bit disgusted with the figure you have neglected. You would like to feel the joy of a supple body which responds instantly to your dictation. You want your skin to take on a fresh loveliness, and your hair and eyes too. You want to carry yourself with poise and radiate a personality which will attract happiness. Of course, you do, any woman in her right senses wants to!

Well then, let's take a candid look at You. Strip down to your last garment or (if you are not too modest) stand nude before a full length mirror. For the next few minutes be cruelly candid with yourself—then fill in this rating:

- How is your posture? Good or slumped?
- Is your tummy flabby and too pronounced?
- Have you rubber-tires?
- Are your thighs too thick? Too skinny?
- Do your breasts sag?
- Are your hips too hippy?
- Are your legs slim and shapely?
- Is your spine too curved at lower back?
- How do you carry your head? Erectly or forward?
- Do your legs bow?
- Are your upper arms too thin? Too fleshy?
- Do you look alive and vital, or sadly droopy?
- Are you overweight, or under-weight?
- Does your flesh look firm and pink?

### Now Then!

We'll forget that you have a head-to-day (other than noticing how you carry it). We talk about the care of skin and hair on other days. To-day it's that figure of yours on which we are concentrating.

Once you have charted your figure flaws, sit down for ten or fifteen minutes and determine what you are going to do about them.

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If an out-door game is impossible for you, plan daily on a few minutes of exercising at home. Most of us should begin with posture-correcting movements, then go in for more specific corrective movements such as hip reducing, arm developing, midriff firming.



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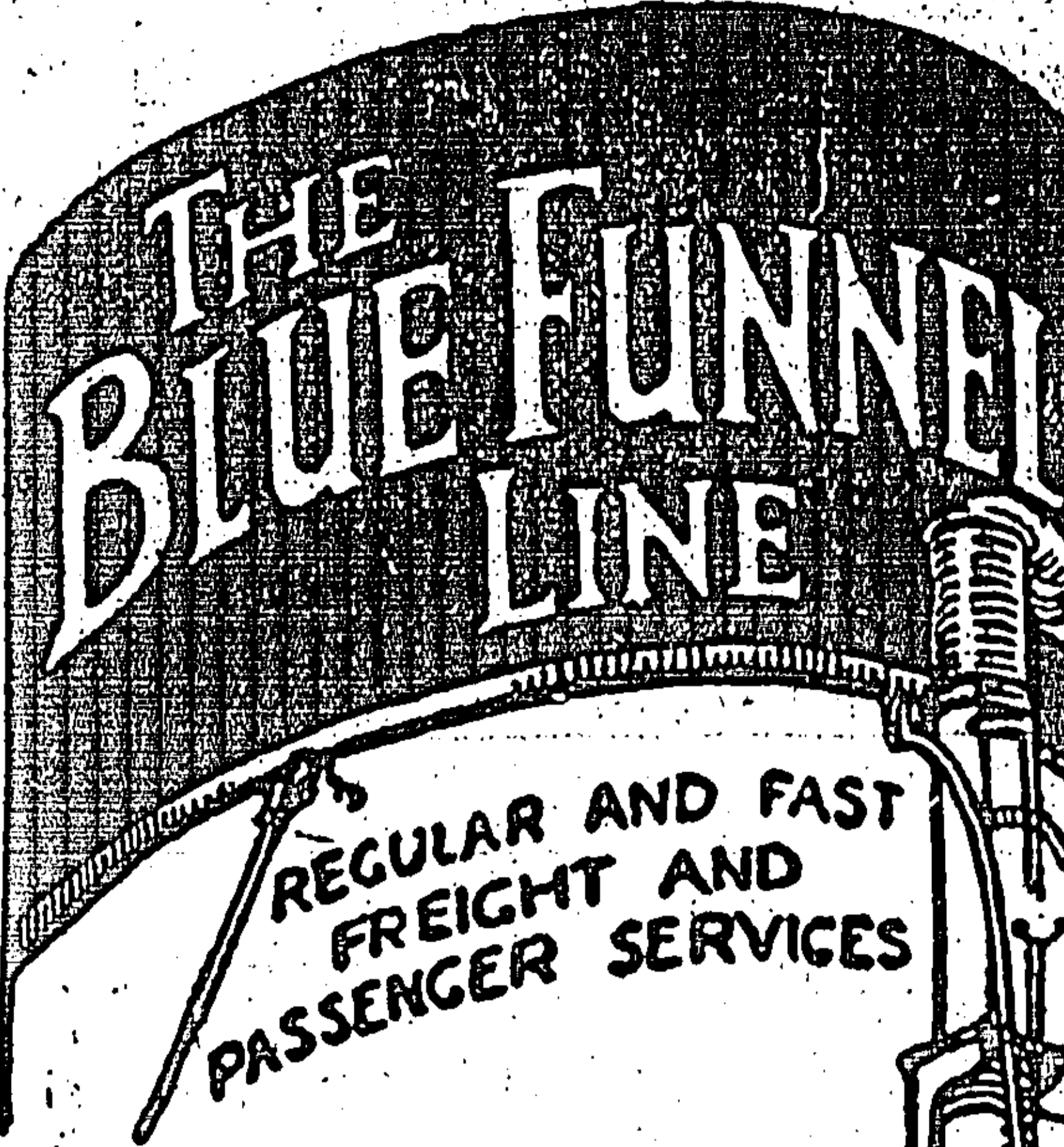
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By "Natator"

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Immediately after this success he competed in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Championships, and broke the National record for the 400 metres free-style. The next night he smashed another long distance record, the 1,500 metres free-style, held also by Yeung Wai-mok of Malaya, established at the National Meet in 1935.

Not content with these achievements, the next day he swam the Harbour marathon, sponsored by the Eastern Athletic Association, and won it in 23 min. 14-3/5 secs., a time which should stand competition for many more years to come.

Under ideal weather conditions, 14 men and five ladies started the Annual Harbour swim, last Friday, held under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club. From the beginning, Chan Chun-nam, Charles Huang, Yau Sai-kwan and Mak Wai-ming broke away from the field, Mak Wai-ming being the first to drop back. For almost 400 yards Charles Huang doggedly trailed Chan, closely challenging him, but eventually, he, too, had to drop back. Meanwhile, Yau Sai-kwan, who was placed second last year, was slowly creeping up to Huang, who sprinted again, and raced neck to neck with Yau. A side-ache caused Yau to slow down and he finished third. Lau Tai-ping, who was placed last year, disappointingly finished eighth.

The excellent condition of the sea also enabled the ladies to return good times, the times for the first two to finish being under Miss Doris Hunt's record of 28 min 50 secs., established in 1933. Celeste Guterres provided her supporters with a pleasant surprise, by finishing first, and beating Miss Lee Po-luen, last year's champion, and hot favourite for this year.

Swimming with an American crawl stroke Miss Guterres led from the start, and although Miss Lee Po-luen, swimming breast-stroke all the way, crept up to her towards the end, she managed to maintain the lead by almost two body lengths.

### An Unfortunate Incident

Miss Lee Po-luen was most unfortunate in that she could not get a free passage way towards the end, when she attempted a sprint to challenge Miss Guterres, for although Miss Guterres is generally recognised as the better swimmer, the finish might have been much clearer.

Unintentional obstruction when mid-way by some swimmers, also contributed much to her defeat. In a race of this nature, in which no definite course can be marked out for each swimmer, the right of way cannot be claimed. This may, however, be open to abuse, but it cannot be helped. It rests entirely upon the sporting spirit of the swimmers, whether a clear way is to be granted or not.

Another factor which must also be taken into account, is that the current flowing at that particular time might throw all the swimmers into a bunch, when each swimmer has to fight for her or himself.

On this particular occasion, it was most unfortunate that the judges returned on the official launch to check up on the finish,

and the swimmers were thus left unsupervised.

### Interesting Events Cancelled At Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Owing to insufficient entries for the open medley and free-style relays, the two items of main interest in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Championships had to be cancelled.

Results were fairly good and most of the events were won by members of the Lai Tsun Union.

The most outstanding performance during the Championships, has been Chan Chun-nam's performances in the long distance events of 400 and 1,500 metres, in which he shattered the National records for both events, and although these times were made under different conditions to those at the National Meet they are worthy of mention.

In the 1,500 metres, Chan lowered the mark by over a minute, which would place beyond doubt any questions of his inability to repeat the performance under the same conditions.

In the same Championships, Miss Ko Miu-ling also bettered the National mark for the 50 metres sprint by negotiating the distance in 35-2/5 secs.

During this year, two claims have been made of equalling Miss Yeung Sau-king's time of 36 secs. for the distance, the first being Miss Ko's attempt in the same pool about two months ago, and again by Miss Ho Wai-king during the Chinese Bathing Club Championships.

### Miss Sadick Joins Lai Tsun

Chinese Bathing Club has suffered a severe setback by Miss Lily Sadick's decision to quit swimming under their colours. Miss Sadick, besides holding the Colony backstroke title, is also the holder of the Federation title for that event. For several years she has been representing Chinese Bathing Club, and the reasons for her decision must be very good before she would have decided on this step.

It is also learnt that she has thrown in her lot with the Lai Tsun Union, and she is at present making Chinese Y.M.C.A. Pool her training quarters, where she is practising daily in preparation for the coming Inter-port.

Lai Tsun officials have announced that she will represent their team, as from next year, but that she will be eligible for the Union's championships which will be held early next month. She participated in the recent

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Championships, winning the back-stroke event from her only other competitor, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan, who will swim second string in the Inter-port. Miss Sadick's withdrawal from C.B.C. will seriously affect their medley relay trio, which includes the free-style champion Miss Ho Wai-man. As Miss Sadick will be hard to replace, their team, which so strongly challenged V.R.C. will be hard hit to bits.

### Eastern's First Championships

During the week-end, Eastern Athletic Association held their first annual championships, and chiefly due to the rough sea at North Point, where the contests were held, good results were not obtained.

The item of chief interest was the Harbour race, open to all Chinese in the Colony. The course of over a mile was a new one, and was never attempted before.

Battling his way through a rough sea, the untiring Chan Chun-nam won this event comfortably from his 27 other men competitors, in 23 mins 14-3/5 secs. to win his third long-distance title in three days.

Differing from his Colony Harbour swim, in which he took a straight course, Chan cut straight towards the shore, and finished along the coast. This strategy proved successful, for many of the swimmers who attempted the direct course found themselves washed too far away from the finishing mark, and had to make a detour.

Yau Sai-kwan kept plugging on behind Chan, but after 10 minutes, appeared to have been caught by the treacherous currents, and could make no headway for almost two minutes. Other swimmers to pass the same spot, also experienced similar difficulties. Kwok Chan-hang finished fourth, swimming breast-stroke all the way.

The Ladies' race, in which there were 10 entries was a much closer affair, as the Misses Ho Wai-man, Woo Man-ying and Cheung Pui-chun were bunched in a group for almost all the way, and right up to a hundred yards away it was still not possible to determine the winner.

Miss Ho Wai-man, however, finished in 30 mins. 28-4/5 secs. of swimming, closely followed by Miss Woo Man-ying only seven seconds later. Miss Lee Po-luen, Chinese long distance champion, did not swim. The 200 metres free-style relay race, open to Chinese clubs, was also interesting, not so much because of the competition offered to Eastern "A" team, which won easily, but for the good time of 1 min. 58-3/5 secs. in which the distance was covered.

Chu Fai-lam of Eastern "A" finished the first lap of 50 metres slightly ahead of Lam Ka-tung of C.B.C., whilst Shek Kam-pui splashed his way through the rough sea, and increased the lead to about five yards. From then on, it was not a question of winning it in a record time, as Lee Po-luen and Tommy Kew, their star sprinters, went into the water. Kew finished his last lap of 50 metres in 37-3/5 secs. which is quite good considering the adverse conditions.

In the individual championships, Kwok Chan-hang, Colony Inter-porter, won the 200 metres breast-stroke event in 3 min. 44 secs.

Starting at a slow pace, he finished with his well-known last up sprint, and beat his nearest rival, Tsui Kam-mun, by almost a bath length.

Chu Fai-lam, also put up a good show in the 400 metres free-style, when he beat veteran Shek Kam-pui, not favourite for the event.

The 50 and 100 metres sprints were most disappointing, as much better times were expected. In the former event, Kew was clocked at 29 secs., whilst Shek Kam-pui could have done better than 69 seconds for the 100 metres. The butterfly stroke, which the Eastern are promoting, was won by Shek Kam-pui, who took 40 seconds to finish 50 metres—a very poor time.

In the ladies' events, Miss Woo Man-ying gave a surprise performance, by giving Miss Cheung Pui-chun a good fight in the 100 metre breast-stroke event.

Miss Woo Man-ying is only in her first year of competition, and is under the coaching of Kwok Chan-hang, breast-stroke specialist.

No Federation Aquatics This Year

## "Rapier" Reviews Double Tenth Race Meeting

Favoured by ideal weather conditions, and with the track on the fast side, the "Double Tenth" Race Meeting, which concluded last Thursday, was, in every respect, an outstanding success. In fact, I would go so far as to say that it was undoubtedly the most enjoyable among the extra meetings this year.

Racing on the whole was keenly contested, and the large crowd of spectators had every reason to feel satisfied with the fare provided. A remarkable feature of this meeting can be found in the fact that favourites, with two notable exceptions, asserted themselves, with the result that only one pony paid more than \$20.00 for a win on the pari-mutuel.

Riding honours on Thursday were shared by Messrs. V. V. Needa, P. Y. T. Wei and H. C. Pih, who had two wins each. Mr. Needa started off by running away with the first two races, and it looked as if he was going to perform the "hat trick," but this included him when Confusion Bay suffered from a bad start in the "Double Tenth" Plate.

### Hillsboro Bay Wins

In the first race, the Yunnan Handicap (first section), which was contested from the two mile post distance, Hillsboro Bay (Mr. Needa) and Thirty Six (Mr. Hearne) shared the honours in the betting, with the former commanding a little stronger support. The ponies were sent away well together, but it soon became evident that Advancing Time (Mr. Chang) was bent on securing a big lead, which it failed to do, as Thirty Six kept doggedly behind, with Mr. Needa content to keep Hillsboro Bay slightly behind. Shortly before rounding the bend, Thirty Six shot forward to take the lead, and so well was it running that a win seemed indicated, but coming through on the outside Hillsboro Bay made its challenge felt and had no difficulty in winning after passing Thirty Six at the mile post. Advancing Time did well to secure third position, two lengths behind Thirty Six.

### Venus Bay's Success

The second race, the Canberra Plate for Australian ponies of this season, over the mile distance, was a rattling good race to watch. Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) and Cheerful Star (Mr. Hearne) commanded practically all the support between them, with the former in the lead, and they finished accordingly to the order of betting. After some difficulty the starter got the ponies away, and it was seen that

performance, by giving Miss Cheung Pui-chun a good fight in the 100 metre breast-stroke event.

Miss Woo Man-ying is only in her first year of competition, and is under the coaching of Kwok Chan-hang, breast-stroke specialist.

### No Federation Aquatics This Year

The Chinese Aquatic Championships, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, has not obtained many entries up to date. South China and the Chinese Bathing Club being the only two clubs to have sent in entries. In view of this, it is understood that a slight extension time will be given. Heats for the various events will be held at South China to-morrow evening.

The events are all on the lines of the National Meet, and in view of the fact that there is no likelihood of the Federation holding their Championships this year, this contest will be regarded in the light of an all Chinese Championship affair. This competition is run under the joint management of the three major Chinese clubs that withdrew from the Federation early this year.

Venus Bay had got jammed in, but it soon got into its stride, although remaining behind most of the way. Here again, as in the previous race, Mr. Hearne came up strongly on coming down the straight, and Cheerful Star certainly had a good chance of winning, but Venus Bay had plenty in reserve, and, with Mr. Needa timing his last-minute challenge beautifully, it won with a little to spare. Quick Despatch (Mr. Trevorton) took the other minor position.

### Li Stable's Triumph

Then came the main event of the day, the "Double Tenth" Plate, over the distance from the 1 1/2 mile post. Despite its heavy burden of 168 lb. Confusion Bay (Mr. Needa) carried the most money, with Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei) and Dupont Bay (Mr. Sung) following well behind. Hardly had the ponies gone a hundred yards, after the rise of the barrier, than it became evident that the finish was going to be fought out between Distinctive Time, Eve of Heaven (Mr. Black) and Dupont Bay, and they finished in that order.

Confusion Bay did not enjoy a good start, but it is not a fast mover and the pony requires a little longer distance before it can settle down to a race. In this particular instance, it was left well behind, and the finish revolved into a struggle between the ponies named above, all of them carrying only 140 lb.

Coming into the straight Distinctive Time commanded a slight lead, and, despite the stern challenges which Eve of Heaven and Dupont Bay put up, Mr. Wei ran out the winner. The time clocked was 1.02, which equalled the record for this distance, but this could not be officially recognised as Distinctive Time ran well below weight for inches.

### First Win At Valley

The finish in the fourth race, the Hunan Handicap (first section) over 1 1/4 miles, was really tame, Eve of Hunting winning without being seriously challenged. This pony provided Mr. Craven with his first success in local racing. Portrush, ridden by Mr. Chang, cracked up a fast pace, so much so that at one time it was leading by well over 10 lengths, but it was overhauled before reaching the Rock. It was at this stage that Eve of Hunting asserted itself, and once it got in front its win was assured. Mr. S. C. Liang tried his best on Phoenix, but to no avail, as Eve of Hunting simply romped home an easy winner, with Clowser (Mr. Chan) taking third place.

### Sapper's Defeat

Anticipations of an epic struggle were not fully justified in the fifth race, the Diamond Bay Handicap, over one mile for "A" Class Australian ponies, which was also the first leg of the Daily Double. Nevertheless, the finish provided quite a thrilling spectacle. It was not surprising to see that Sapper (Mr. Black) commanded the lion's share in the betting, followed by Far View (Mr. Pih), and these two furnished the fighting finish.

Hardly had the ponies been lined up together than the barrier was released, and at that moment Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei) jumped in front, with Far View also in a good position, but Sapper, unable to get through, had to remain many lengths behind. B-

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## INTERNATIONAL BOWLS

Following is the draw for the First and Second Round of the International Shield lawn bowls championship:

**First Round**  
China v. Philippines  
India v. Portugal  
Ireland v. Malaya

These matches will be played at the Kowloon F.C. on Sunday, October 20, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

**Second Round**  
England v. Wales  
Ireland or Malaya v. Switzerland  
Scotland v. India or Portugal  
China or Philippines v. Australia

These games will be played on Saturday, October 26, at the Craigengower at the same time.

**Semi-finals**  
The semi-finals will be played on Sunday, October 27, on a ground to be decided.

**AITKENHEAD SHIELD**  
Captains for the Aitkenhead Shield match this year will be F. Goodwin (Kowloon) and J. Deakin (Hong Kong).

The composition of the two sides will be made up from the following Clubs:  
Hong Kong:—C.C.C. (8), C.S.C.C. (7), H.K.F.C. (7), Police (7), Electric (2), Takoo (4), H.K.C.C. (2), P.O.C. (5), I.R.C. (6).

Kowloon:—Recreio (12), K.B.G.C. (12), K.C.C. (8), K. Docks (4), K. Tong (4), K.F.C. (8).

## TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following is to-day's programme for the Quarter-Finals of the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship:—

**AT KOWLOON F.C.**  
C. C. Pereira v. M. R. Abbas  
W. J. Howard v. F. J. Jones

## "RAPIER" REVIEWS DOUBLE TENTH RACE MEETING

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fore going up the incline, Mr. Black sent Sapper forward with a great burst of speed, and this naturally took quite a good deal of energy out of the pony. Lancashire chips was still leading on coming into the straight, but it was soon passed by Far View; then from the outside came Sapper, but it had to catch up far too much lost ground; and, although it managed to beat Lancashire Chips, Sapper had to admit defeat, though with another few lengths to go the result might very well have been different.

## Easy For Favourite

The sixth race, the Yunnan Handicap (second section) over the two mile post distance, provided a rather tame finish, with Victoria (Mr. Pih) securing its first win so far. On the previous occasion when it started, Victoria was well backed and lost, but in this race punters made pretty well sure that they had their money on the right pony, with the result that it commanded no less than 2,489 tickets for a win. There is nothing much over which one could feel enthusiastic over this race, as once Victoria got in front it went on to win without any opposition whatever. Mr. Needa tried hard on Galveston Bay, but even then it was actually three lengths behind Blue Gate (Mr. Zhao) for third position.

## Mr. Wei's Hard Riding

In comparison, the finish of the seventh race, the Hunan Handicap (second section) over 1 1/4 miles, was quite exciting. Here again the betting public made the right choice, as the ultimate winner carried no less than 2,407 tickets to win. Jack O'Lantern (Mr. Barrow) made the running earlier on, but the result was fought out between Piet He'n (Mr. Wei) and Bressay (Mr. Hearne), with Gold Coin (Mr. Liang) making an unavailing effort. Piet He'n and Bressay were at it hammer and tongs right up to the last 50 yards, but with supreme effort Mr. Wei got his mount ahead by half a length.

## Belated Start

The last race of the day, the Catoomba Handicap for "C" Class Australian ponies over the two mile post distance, was good to watch, but the finish did not provide a keen struggle. Had Piccadilly Jim not suffered from a belated start, in which it lost much valuable ground, it would have made the finish more interesting. With several ponies bunched together, it was difficult to see which one was actually leading, but it was noticed that before rounding the bend Shuttlecock (Mr. Hearne) had gone up with a sharp burst. Coming into the straight it was still ahead, and it looked as if it was going to win; but Brown Derby (Mr. Black), coming up on the outside, fought gamely on, and slowly but surely it overhauled Shuttlecock and went on to win by 1 1/2 lengths, with Piccadilly Jim taking third place.

## GOOD R.A.O.C. BATTING

Solid batting by Stonor, Pinder, Reynolds and Jeffery and good bowling by Emberson enabled Royal Army Ordnance Corps to beat Royal Army Pay Corps by 34 runs in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo on Sunday.

Store, Ingleby and Hemming batted well for the "Pay Blokes."

### R.A.O.C.

Bridge, b Pinkney	3
Meekings, b Ingleby	1
Stonor, c and b Chalcraft	19
Pinder, retired	50
Reynolds, b Pinkney	26
Jeffery, b Pinkney	20
Boocock, not out	9
Extras (W2, LB2, B3)	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>133</b>
Hawkins, Standing, Emberson and Gardner did not bat.	

## GOLF RESULTS

In the October qualifying round of the Adamson Cup competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, A.E. Clarke, with a score of 80-11=69, qualified. There were nine entries.

F.D. Hunter (1) won the Bogey (Par) Pool played over the old Course at Fanling on October 10 by 2 up. There were 10 entries.

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ingleby	9	1	31	1
Pinkney	8	0	49	3
Bedford	3	1	10	0
Chalcraft	5	0	29	1
Smart	1	0	9	0

R.A.P.C.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pendergast, c Bridge, b Emberson	4			
Stone, b Hawkins	34			
Cardon, b Emberson	0			
Adlam, c Boocock, b Emberson	0			
Chalcraft, b Emberson	0			
Ingleby, c Jeffery, b Boocock	27			
Hemming, c Jeffery, b Standing	23			
Pinkney, c Reynolds, b Standing	11			
Bedford, c Pinder, b Reynolds	1			
Smart, not out	0			
Lybe, b Reynolds	1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Boocock	8	1	38	1
Emberson	5	0	24	4
Hawkins	5	0	25	1
Standing	3	0	11	2
Reynolds	1	0	3	2

## WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the football fixtures for the week-end:—

SATURDAY	
First Division	
Eastern v. Kowloon	(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Middlesex v. South China	(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Second Division	
Service Corps v. Club	(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)
Middlesex v. South China	(Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)
Kowloon v. Navy	(Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)
30th R.A. v. Kit Chee	(Military, 3.15 p.m.)
Third Division	
20th R.A. v. 24th R.A.	(Kowloon, 3.15 p.m.)
30th R.A. v. Service Corps	(St. Joseph's, 3.15 p.m.)
Shell v. 35th R.A.	(Military, 3.00 p.m.)
R.A.F. v. Engineers	(Chatham, 3.15 p.m.)
12th R.A. v. Signals	(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)

SUNDAY	
First Division	
Sing Tao v. Navy	(Club, 4.30 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v. Police	(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
R. Scots v. Kwong Wah	(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Second Division	
Sing Tao v. Ordnance	(Club, 3.15 p.m.)
Engineers v. Police	(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)

## SOFTBALL LEAGUE DIVISIONS

Following are the allocation of teams in the Softball League which starts on Sunday.

### FIRST DIVISION

Canadian, Chinese, Chinese Baseball Club, Cyclones, Filipino Club, Hong Kong Baseball Club, Indian Baseball Club, Recreio "A" and St. Joseph's.

### SECOND DIVISION

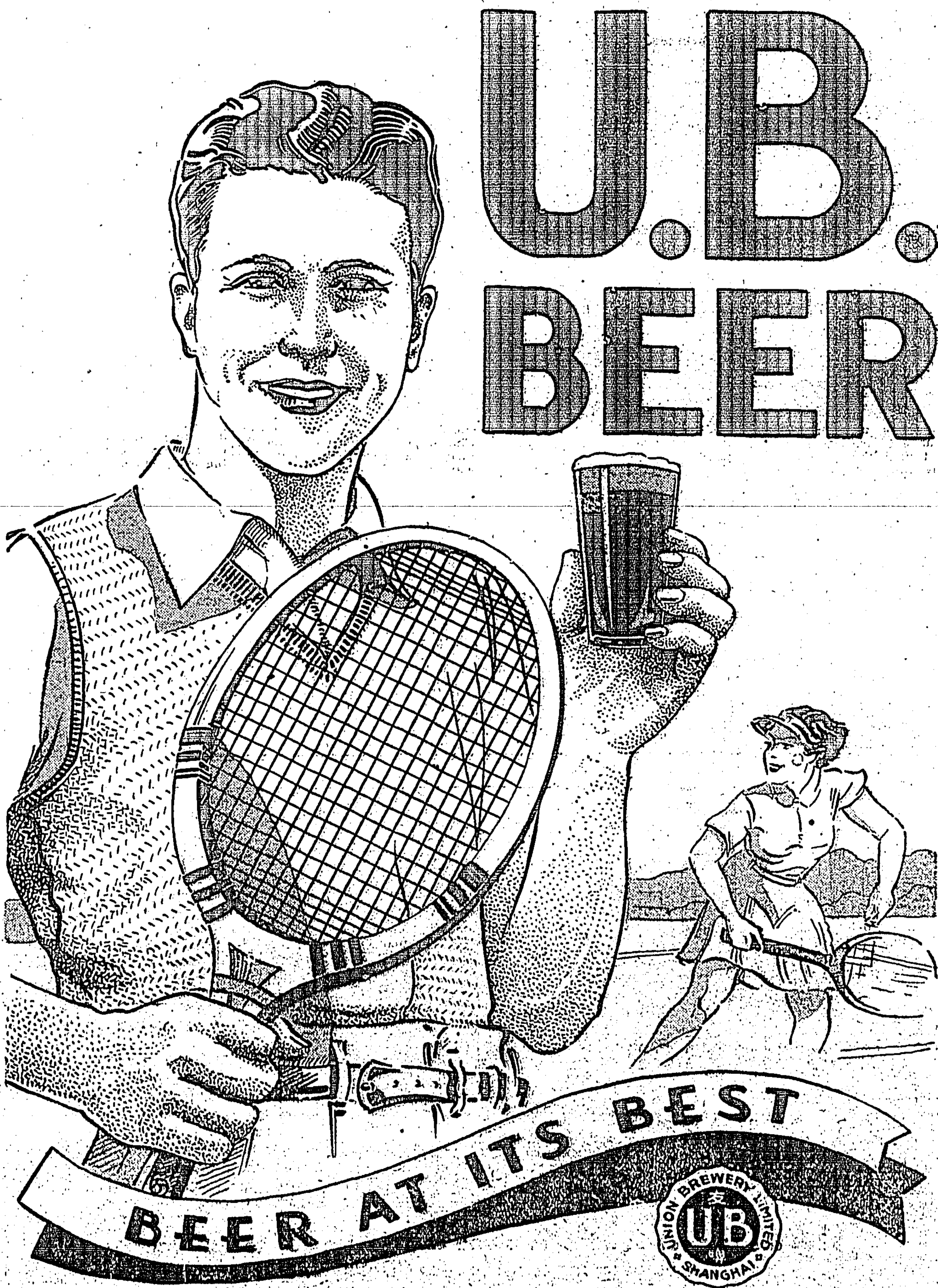
Chung Hwa, Central British Association, Cosmopolitans, Liga Portuguesa, Recreio "B", Air Force, Engineers, Royal Scots, South China and Victoria Recreation Club.

Teams in the First Division will play each other twice. All Senior games will be played at Kowloon Football Club and Junior games at the Central British Association ground.

A meeting of the Management Committee of the Softball League will be held to-day at Filipino Club at 6 p.m.

R. Scots v. Kwong Wah	(Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)
Third Division	
International v. 7th R.A.	(Chatham Road, 3.15 p.m.)
A.S.A. v. R.A.M.C.	(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)

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## CHINESE VICTORY AT MATANG

After recapturing Matang on the south bank of the Yangtze River, Chinese forces have occupied the strategic hills around the town in an attempt to consolidate their hold on the vital Yangtze port, according to Chinese reports in Chungking.

Paotashan, north of Matang, Mopanhan, to the north-east, and Pengtseh are said to have fallen into Chinese hands.

Meanwhile, a strong Chinese column, it is claimed, has occupied Yangchiashan, Tangshan and Tingshan, south-west of Pengtseh.

The Chinese press gives prominence to reports of the Chinese victory in southern Anhwei, where—in a battle lasting from October 5 to October 11—the Japanese are said to have suffered 7,000 casualties.

Japanese troops which reached Chinghsien, near Ningkuo, were surrounded by the Chinese forces.

Part of the Japanese forces, it is declared, pushed southward on Sunday along the Chingyi River, but were "intercepted by the Chinese on the river banks, with the result that the Japanese in the area north-east of Chinghsien and those on the banks of the Chingyi River were wiped out after six days of desperate fighting." — Reuter.

## ILLNESS PLEADED

A Dutch subject, J. A. Sundquest, 35, marine officer, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with failing to report his arrival in the Colony on September 16, within the prescribed period.

Defendant said he fell sick on his arrival and had been in hospital.

Detective Sergeant J. Headridge said defendant arrived as one of the crew of a ship on September 16. He was admitted to hospital owing to illness, and was discharged on October 2, but did not report until October 13.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

## Yesterday's Raids On Naval Dockyards

**DETAILS OF BRITISH attacks on military objectives in Germany and German-occupied territories, show that extremely bad weather, with widespread cloud, snow and sub-zero temperatures, severely hampered the Sunday night operations by aircraft of the Bomber Command.**

Flying "blind" through clouds which blanketed the whole route from England to Germany, many raiding crews won through to their target areas only to find the cloud down almost to ground level, completely obscuring the objectives.

Other raiders, more fortunate in the time of their arrival, were able to take advantage of fleeting gaps in the cloud bank through which they were able to locate and bomb their targets.

The naval dockyards at Kiel were attacked by one force, which reached the canal zone at about 10 p.m. but after a 400-mile flight, made hazardous by violent electrical storms and an ice-forming belt 8,000 feet deep, which extended over the greater part of the route.

For nearly three-quarters of an hour, the aircraft cruised above the cloud-obscured target area awaiting an opportunity to bomb.

Through occasional breaks in the cloud, sticks of high explosives were unloosed on the docks and the flash of exploding bombs could be seen as a sudden glow in the enveloping cloud and a snowstorm which, at times, reduced visibility to nil.

### At Wilhelmshaven

This also handicapped an attack on the naval dockyards at Wilhelmshaven. Two of the main shipping basins were located through momentary cloud breaks and heavily bombed under severe A. A. fire.

An attack was also made on the Blohm and Voss shipbuilding yards at Hamburg shortly after midnight, but here again low cloud hampered the raiders.

Weather conditions in the Ruhr were little better but another bomber force detailed to attack the large coal-tar plant at Duisburg, where nearly half the coal-tar of Germany is distilled, finally succeeded in locating the objective after a chance

glimpse of the factory's tall chimneys through a gap in the cloud. Sticks of high explosive bombs were dropped to straddle the target and a large fire was seen to break out after the bombing. Other targets in the Ruhr which were located and bombed included Krupps works at Essen.

### Went Back Again

Other raiding forces, prevented by the weather from finding their primary objectives, sought out alternative targets. Bombs were dropped by these aircraft on aerodromes at Wesel, Woensdrecht and Texel, on gun positions on the islands of Borkum, Terschelling and on the seaplane base at Norddey. The persistence, with which the bomber crews strove to carry out their mission, in spite of appalling weather, is well instanced by the record of one raider which was flying in the vicinity of Borkum when part of its de-icing equipment failed and both engines began pick up again.

After three quarters of an hour they were working normally and having by now crossed the English coast, the pilot checked his position, turned out to sea again and went back to bomb docks and enemy shipping at Flushing.

Calais came in for a very heavy attack and was the centre of a series of raids which began at 10 p.m. but did not end until close to midnight.

Dive-bombing aircraft from one of the recently formed Polish squadrons took part in the attack and heavy damage was seen to have been inflicted on the docks and harbour installations. — British Wireless

## DRIVE FOR WAR WEAPONS

British cities are competing in friendly rivalry during the present week which has been called "War Weapons Week" to provide, by voluntary effort, the cost of material essential to assist the armed forces to carry on the war.

The City of Manchester aims at raising £10,000,000—the cost of a battleship, while of £8,000,000 aimed at by Birmingham, £4,500,000 was subscribed before the campaign actually opened.

Performing the opening ceremony in Birmingham, Mrs. Winston Churchill said that the devastation and ruin which had been caused by enemy bombs had aroused nothing but anger in our breasts at the ruthless methods which Nazi Germany was adopting.

Underlying our sorrow and sympathy, there was determination to fight, work and live for victory, and those who had suffered the most were the ones most resolved.

Our determination to end German aggression for all time had been strengthened by the raids on London. — British Wireless.

## DEFECTIVE BRAKE FINE

Mr. C. P. Ferguson, of No. 6 Bungatow, Shek-O, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning for failing to keep his car No. 6233 in a state of repair.

Sergeant McInnes told the Court that defendant's car was involved in an accident. The car was examined, and the brake was found to be defective.

Mr. D. B. Evans pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant, who was fined \$10.

## CAR LEFT FIVE MINUTES, STOLEN

Mr. F. B. F. Edwards, of No. 8, Carnarvon Road, has reported that between 10.10 and 10.15 p.m. yesterday, his Morris saloon car No. 3798 was stolen from outside the Kowloon Naval Dockyard.

## LABOUR PLANS IN FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") French Government ministries are at present drafting large-scale labour programmes, chiefly to suppress unemployment.

The unemployment problem in the large industrial centres, however, is not expected to be fully solved with the intended measures.

Most of the unemployed (being unskilled workers) will be sent to districts needing mostly reconstruction work. The State will pay wages, expenses and transportation.

The authorities hope that the workers will decide not to return to urban districts. — Havas.

## SERVANT OF A.S.P. FINED

A COOK EMPLOYED BY MR. L. A. SEARLE, A.S.P., NG SAN-KWONG, 33, WAS FINED \$200, OR FOUR MONTHS' HARD LABOUR, BY MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING FOR DEMANDING \$2 WITH MENACES FROM A CHINESE DETECTIVE, TSOI YEE, AT THE DETECTIVES' OFFICE IN THE KOWLOON CITY POLICE STATION.

Accused, pleading not guilty, said that he was arrested when he went to the detectives' office to look for a friend.

Mr. Searle asked the Magistrate to take a serious view of the case since accused used his name to collect "squeeze." The cook had been in his employ since June.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, prosecuting, said that at 9.30 a.m. yesterday, accused went to the detectives' office, and demanded \$2 weekly from the detective. He said he knew gambling dens operating in Kowloon City District, and added that he was the servant of Mr. Searle, and that if the detective failed to comply, he would report the matter to his master. The detective, with the assistance of two others arrested accused.

Mr. Searle said that accused had no reason at all to have been in the police station.

### HOTEL THEFT

Mrs. Pecceochi, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, has reported that theft of a wrist watch valued at \$50 from her dressing table between 11 a.m. on October 11 and 6 p.m. on October 12.

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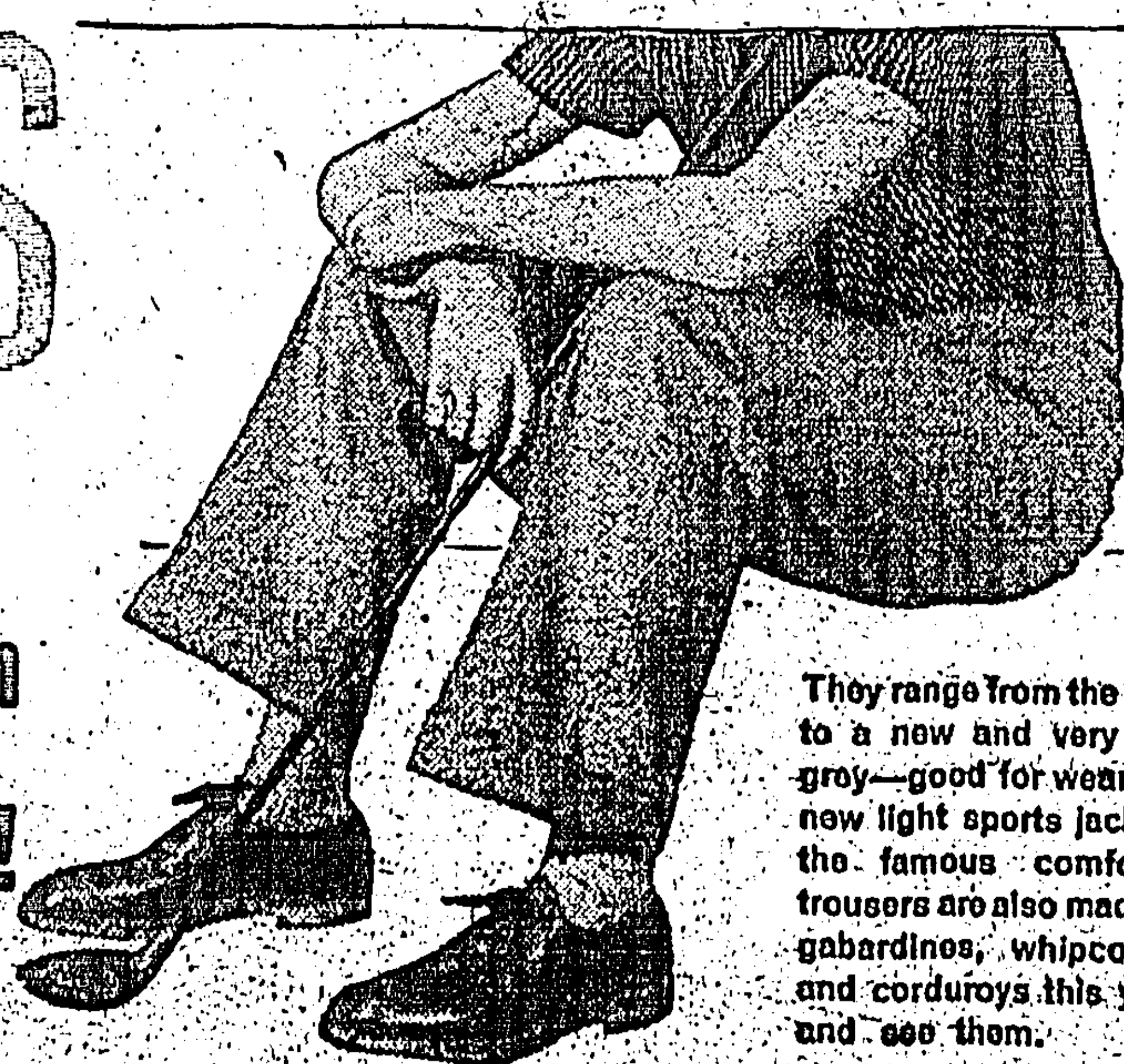
Two gasoline dumps were destroyed by fire last night at Sha-yu-chung, Mrs. Bay Terminus of the Tai-po-Sha-yu-chung Ferry Service.

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